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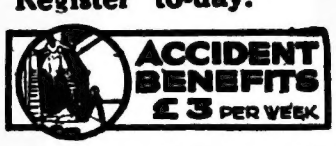

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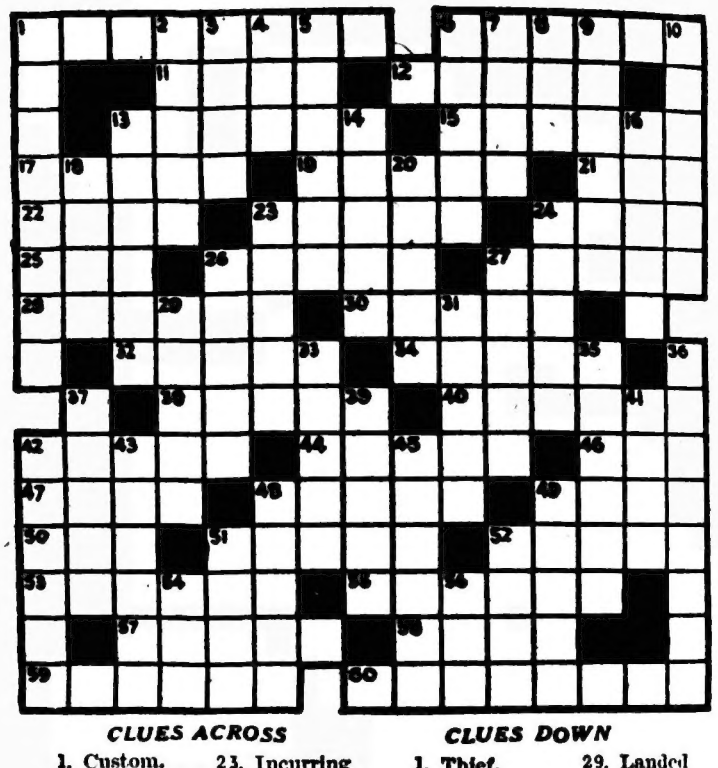

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1. Custom.
6. Paying-guest.
11. Throw.
12. A couch.
13. Hereditary.
15. To lament.
17. Mediterranean port.
19. A supplement.
21. Central.
22. Gaelic.
23. Incurring punishment.
24. An open ditch.
25. Decay.
26. Change.
27. Collier.
28. Provoking wrath.
30. Kind of chair.
32. Vigour.
34. Prevent.
38. Field fortification.
40. Sea robber.
42. Kind of cat.
44. American buffalo.
46. Fasten.
47. Centuries.
48. Swift.
49. Stratagem.
50. X.
51. A portion.
52. Joyous shout.
53. Surgical saw.
55. An artist.
57. Earnest.
58. White.
59. Gained.
60. 10d.

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1. Thief.
2. Harmony.
3. Melody.
4. Wrath.
5. Kind of wine.
6. Slander.
7. Above.
8. An embankment.
9. A geometrical figure.
10. Deliver.
13. Brilliancy.
14. Strokes.
16. Assisted.
18. A metal.
20. Ventured.
23. To argue.
24. Large passenger vessel.
26. A tag terminal.
27. Morning.
29. Landed property.
31. Headquarters.
33. A syllabus.
35. Thin sword.
36. To revere.
37. Ferocious animal.
39. Female relative.
41. A flat brick.
42. Bovine animals.
43. Thin covering.
45. To boil.
48. Mulcted.
49. At the place.
51. An attendant.
52. A fellow.
54. Shallow vessel.
56. To study.

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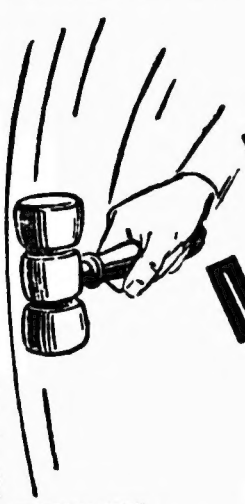

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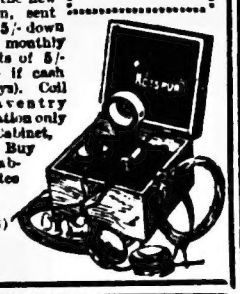

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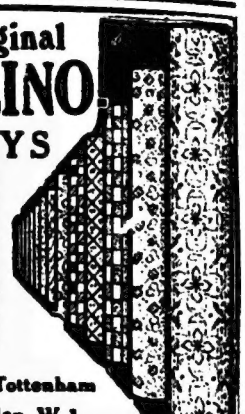

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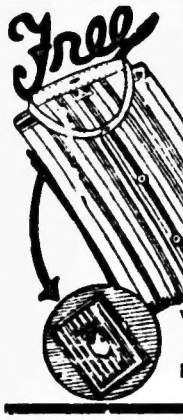

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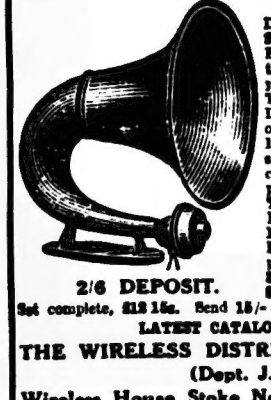

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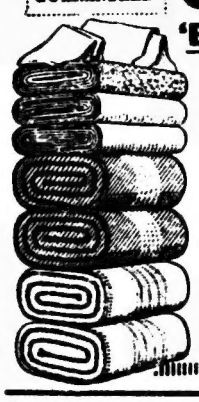

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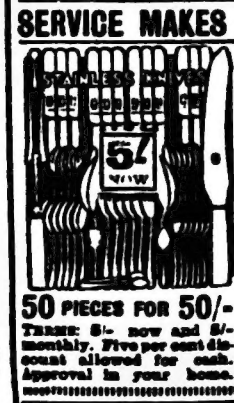

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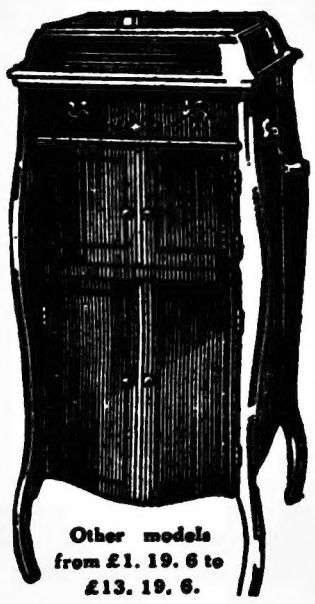

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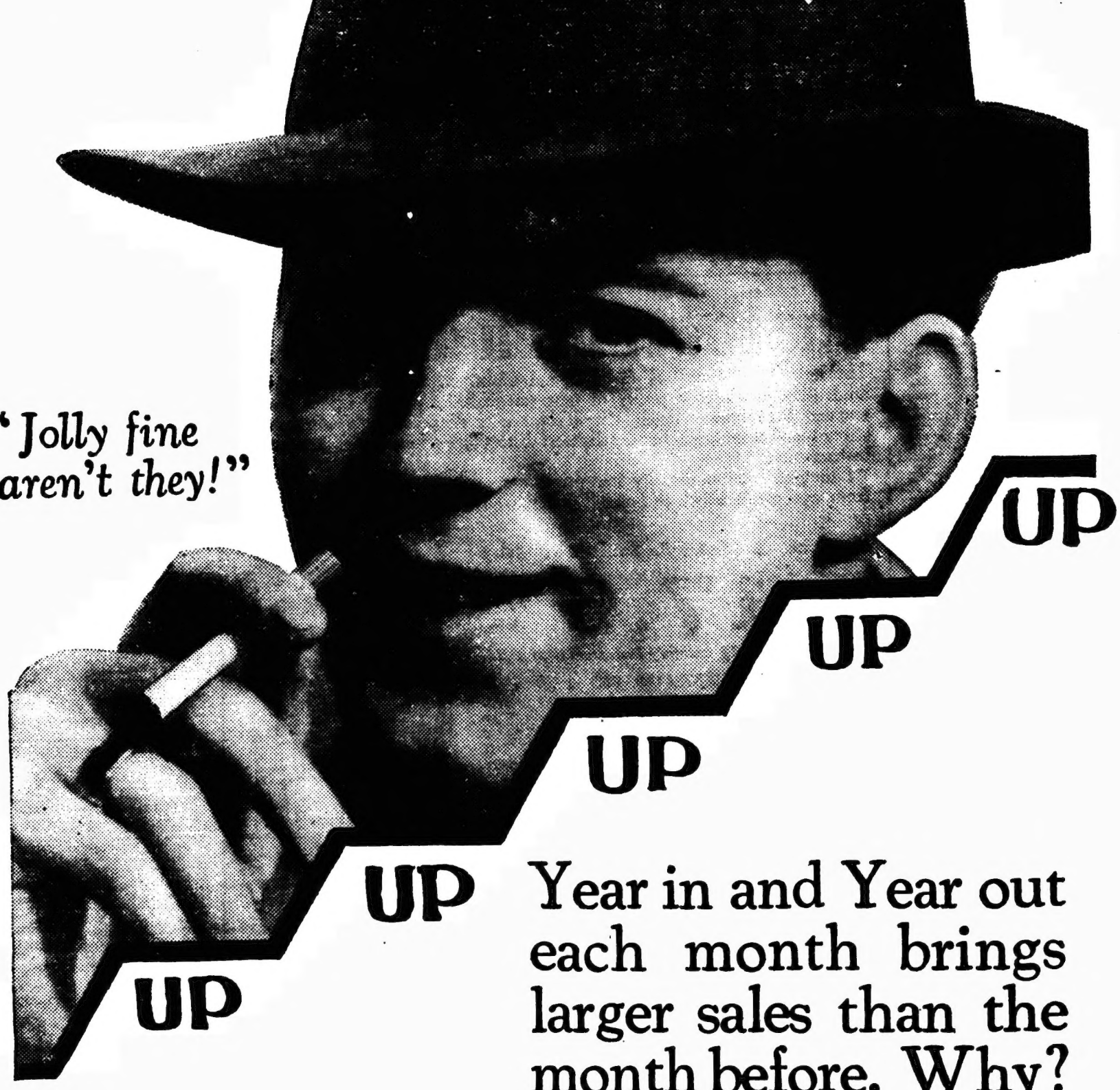

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Our Slumberers.
Parliament ought to begin the Autumn Session by raking the Government fore-and-aft over the business of the country. But, with a powerless Opposition and a lethargic majority, Ministers are not suffering any sleepless nights.

Not Effective.
Pressure of taxes and rates makes the "economy" campaign the livest of movements among Government supporters. Yet they are not realists enough to choose the right spot—armaments—and push the attack home.

Go for the Millions.
The failure of the Naval Limitation Conference—the necessity of starting that job again in a more practical way—ought to be made a matter of life and death to the Ministry. By the Admiralty's own claim, a saving of at least £50,000,000 was and is at stake.

Bilking by Bill.
Slum areas, says an inspired voice, are not likely to be dealt with by the present Parliament, but the Ministry may circulate a Bill. "Circulating a Bill" is becoming as fashionable as a Royal Commission as a way of dodging difficulties.

Why Not Bigger Matters?
The Secretary for War has had to give up his visit to India in order to be heckled by Service Members about his administrative changes. That sort of thing leaves the average elector cold.

Eyes and No Eyes.
In saying that politics are "dull," and that no great issue is before the country, Major Duff Cooper (meaning to praise) uttered a bitter condemnation of Government and Parliament. For no one with open eyes can go about town or country without seeing grievous wrongs to right.

Just "Havers."
According to Sir Francis Dyke Acland, unless a Liberal-Labour policy is worked out, petty quarrels, doing no good to anybody, will develop. But when was politics anything else but petty squabbles?

Seriously.
Sane men are beginning to see that the three-Party system is getting us nowhere. What's wanted is men of good-will of all Parties to combine on big issues. Peace in politics is just as necessary as peace in industry.

How Doth the Little——
Meanwhile there is no lack of time and red tape for really "big" issues, as, for example, the solemn enquiry being made at Whitehall into the propriety of marking imported honey. "Bees must sip British" is about the week's best joke.

Harking Back.
A "great wave of Liberalism" is prophesied at the next election. To base optimism on history is unwise. Firmly planted on a programme of social reform that included all classes, any Party might win to success.

Girded Loins.
The Liberal Party says it is "prepared to fight hard and not hopelessly." It's the spirit we want everywhere. The big majority of the present Government has merely induced laziness.

Prophecy.
That the next Labour Budget may confer more spending power on municipalities is hinted. It would be better to grasp unemployment by the horns. When that bogey is laid everybody will have more spending power.

Mrs. Grundy.
The intention of the Home Secretary to clean up the streets is good. We want morality. But why only elderly men are competent to secure it is a mystery.

Wisdom.
The combined ages of the gentlemen on Sir William Joynson-Hicks' committee total 589 years. If age were competent to secure omnipotence such a combination would be perfect.

Losing Laurels.
Farmers loudly complain that Mr. Baldwin's election pledges remain unfulfilled. That restoration of agriculture is impossible with the present land laws has not dawned on them.

Up!
Meat, fuel and foodstuffs are rising in price. and cheese, potatoes and onions promise to be dearer. As need increases so does cost. It's the same tale every winter.

Free Filth.
That most of the rivers of this country are being turned into sewers is the opinion of experts. The Government must attack the question quickly and drastically.

One Up.
The Ministry of Transport forbids the use of tar that poisons rivers from rain-water washed off roads. Why does not the Ministry of Agriculture use similar vigilance in regard to pollution from factories?

Early Birds!

The first 350 "Bullets" Hampers, Turkeys and Fowls are offered on page 39. Be an early bird yourself and get amongst the winners!

More Cost, Less Done.
Before the war the Ministry of Agriculture cost us £414,000. Last year it cost £3,000,000. With land going rapidly out of cultivation and farming on the verge of bankruptcy, taxpayers may be excused for asking why?

Stump Oratory.
The November municipal elections are at hand. Electors must be alive to their duties. The management of a town is as important as the management of a nation. It can set the pace for the whole.

Attention!
Men and women of the right sort are needed in local affairs and voters must come out and support them. The welfare or otherwise of our whole child population depends on it.

'Ware Scares.
Those who depend for success on "slogan shouting" must be ignored. Neither extravagance nor niggling pays. Expenditure sometimes means future economy and the happy mean is always possible.

The New Puzzle.
Post Office kiosks. for stamps, posting, telephones and telegrams, will soon be open all night in London. Why it is virtuous to buy a stamp and wicked to buy chocolates and cigarettes after certain hours only the Government itself can explain.

Friendship.
Financed by women, women delegates are going from this country and America to China to promote good-will among women of all countries. Equally must women at home get busy. They've got the power to help, through the ballot-box.

Sensible.
Some Churches are concentrating on a Work for All Movement. Nothing could be better. Until all, rich or poor, who can work do work, a worthy and Christian social order is impossible.

Cleanliness.
Because poor mothers have no room to bathe infants, Nottingham proposes to establish penny baths for babies. A library of learned treatises couldn't put the housing question half so clearly.

Going Under.
Manchester needs underground railways to relieve traffic congestion. With 20,000 unemployed men registered at her employment exchanges, decision should be easy. Since money must be spent, why not in wages?

Pleasant Dwellings.
Flat accommodation to house 4,100 is likely to result from the development of the Larkhall estate south of the Thames. For men of moderate means they will solve a problem. At present the middle class is squeezed between the upper and the nether millstone.

An Earl's Will.
Lord Iveagh is dead. His will reveals that his promise has been kept. Ken Wood that he bought is passed on to the nation. The act will keep both the park and his memory green.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Work First.

South-West Ham has every right to contend that available land must be used for building workers' homes rather than for dog-racing. The motto for so crowded an area must be "Duty before pleasure."

Wretched School.

The Girls' High School, Brigg, serving a large district, is a wooden and unsatisfactory hut. Must we remind the local county council that its promises made eight years ago to build a secondary girls' school are disgracefully like pie-crusts?

Judge and Moneylender.

All praise to His Honour Judge Tobin, who tore up a moneylender's note—with his consent—in court at Westminster, after showing that the agreement was a harsh one. The law is not to be used as an instrument of the moneylender's trade.

Sulphurous Steak.

The disgusting habit of burning a sulphur sheet in a safe with meat which was thus permeated with sulphur dioxide cost Philip Henry Downton and Frederick Sturch, of Forest Gate, between them £54 4s. Such harmful practices must cease.

Not Worth It.

Fines equalling £99 with costs must have been more than Messrs. S. Tucker and M. H. Blight, of Whimple, Devon, could ever have thought to make out of the diseased calf they sent to the Central Meat Market. And a good job, too, if they learn their lesson.

Quick Cure.

A deaf mute from four years old, the shock of falling into a Wigan canal restored speech and hearing to Thomas McHugh, aged eighteen. James Smith, who dived in and saved him, is to be warmly congratulated that his twenty-sixth rescue saved so greatly enriched a life.

Young Gamblers.

One of six Manchester boys placed on probation for theft lost £2 in four nights on a gambling-machine in a grocery and sweet shop. Parents should exercise their control, and at the same time the Watch Committee might help by removing the objects of temptation.

Hidden Culprits.

A fifteen-year-old Cleethorpes boy made a habit of "borrowing" cars from private garages and going for joy-rides. Grimsby magistrates have fined him 10s. Better if they had hauled up the parents and given them a public rebuke for failing to bring up the youth properly.

Missing the Way.

Gloomily interested in Christian science, Miss Evelyn Dorothy Rogers, of Wildwood Grove, Hampstead, through grief, took her own life when her mother died. Working for others in need would have been her salvation. Love, with its object snatched away, needs an outlet.

In the Night Watches.

Sleeplessness leads some people to fret and fume and make themselves a nuisance. The Rev. A. J. Bartlett, rector of Marston Magna, uses it to think out clever gadgets and toys that bring endless pleasure to users. We like his motto, that what makes people happier does them good.

War Dangers.

Because one country alone cannot make peace, Germans, Italians, Chinese and Americans will meet with British delegates at the No More War Conference in Central Hall, Westminster, in November. The Churches and the man in the street must all support this movement.

Booted Brute.

Although William Rushton, of Stanley Street, Featherstone, is a follower of football, he is by no means a sportsman. He went into the stand after a football-match and kicked the referee, despite the fact that there was no suggestion that he had acted unfairly. For a month Rushton will not attend football-matches, but will stop in jail.

Talent Will Out.

Pushing barrows and handling fruit-cases cannot dim aspiration in Tom Connor, a porter in Covent Garden Market. He writes plays and lyrics and hopes that fame waits. We too hope it will soon come. At twenty-two a man whose soul sings while his hands are busy deserves to get on.

Deceptive Gaiety.

Poor little Beatrice Gladys Giles, sixteen, tired of domesticity and laundry work, lived with a man as a means to "a gay life." Found prone on the pavement in London, where she gave birth to a baby, she died in hospital. If other tempted girls take warning, her tragedy may not have been in vain.

Answer—Urgent!

In many cities and towns, and some villages, there are families living in the appalling hovels they call "homes"! The Rev. Canon Dolan has asked at Sheffield why those who fill their purses with the rents of such fever-dens are not inside prison-cells? What is the answer of the Ministry of Health?

Not Their Job.

Because a burning farmhouse was not in their district, both Cardiff and Penarth Fire Brigades let it burn. The fire-fighting system of the country wants re-organising so that disgraceful episodes of this nature are impossible. And some of the equipment is more fitted for a museum than a fire-station. It wants burning.

Disease for Sale.

Situated in a densely populated district, Arthur Wilson's butcher's shop, at Salford, contained in the ice-box stinking meat unfit for human food. The magistrates fined him £10, although the deputy town clerk informed them that Wilson had rendered himself liable to an aggregate penalty of £480. Why wasn't it imposed?

The Human Machine

Have Patience!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

IF you were to ask a chemist what water is he would reply cryptically "H_2O"! To him, water is simply oxygen and hydrogen combined in a certain way and in certain proportions.

A man dying of thirst would not worry about water being H_2O. To him it is simply a life-giving fluid.

To the fisherman it is neither one nor the other; it is simply the element in which the fish live, on the catching of which depends his livelihood.

What a pretty, futile and acrimonious argument there would be if these three started discussing the simple question of "What is water?"

Yet isn't this more or less what happens all the time in everyday life? Don't we all waste endless time, energy and temper on futile arguments that arise because we stubbornly refuse to see any other point of view except our own?

From high politics down to the trivialities of everyday life, we should save an immense amount of trouble if we would only try sometimes to see the point of view of the other fellow.

IN nine cases out of ten people who argue are both right; the trouble is that they will persist in arguing about totally different things. That is why they never meet on any common ground!

For goodness sake, let us remember that we are all different individuals and therefore naturally think about things in different ways. It would be a mighty dull world if we didn't.

But that is no reason why we should accuse anyone of being stupid merely because he doesn't agree with us. Maybe it is we who are stupid. You never know.

Hungry!

A starving middle-aged woman stole a loaf from a baker's cart at Hastings. We think the magistrates might have acted better than impose the absurdly harsh sentence of fourteen days' hard labour.

A Near Thing.

To the difference between seeing and acting, forty steel-workers probably owe their lives at Swansea. A keen workman discovered among the scrap metal a large calibre shell, which otherwise must have exploded in the furnace, with disastrous results.

Cruel Hand.

If drunkenness causes Samuel Warn, of Linkinhorne, to burn a dog's body, leg and mouth with a hot poker, he had better sign the pledge. In that case he may be richer instead of deservedly poorer by £5 for a revolting piece of cruelty. But he should have been sent to prison.

Shocking Revelation.

It takes judicial proceedings apparently to bring to light that a tuberculous youth, with only one lung, works in a bakehouse from 5 a.m. till 7 p.m. The disgraceful case of the Grimsby boy, put on probation for theft, requires immediate investigation and remedy.

Despicable.

Six months' imprisonment against six months of stealing meat from his employer, who committed suicide because his business was not paying, and afterwards from the widow, still leaves the balance in William Howe's favour. The Southampton magistrates should have sent the case to assizes.

Widow's Mite.

Mrs. M. A. Johnson, of Horncastle, who is blind, wishing to contribute to the maintenance of her late husband, four years an inmate of the workhouse, has been allowed to pay £2 10s. Her act is a salutary snub to scoffers who claim that folk are always ready to get something for nothing.

Government "Grappling."

"The Unionist Party would be unfaithful to its principles did it not treat unemployment as a primary obligation." Thus the Prime Minister. Yet late returns showed that unemployment had increased by 25,000 in one week, and is now 49,000 higher than when Parliament rose. What about those principles?

Worse and Worse.

Thomas Holmes, an unemployed miner, with his wife and three children, earned £7 16s. in five weeks in the Tenbury hopfields. Sleeping in a damp hut, with neither larder nor proper sanitary arrangements, no wonder the baby died when they got home. But so it ever shall be, unless someone insists on improvement next year.

Houses or Hospital?

Since 1923 the Port Talbot Town Council has wanted Margam estate for the erection of an isolation hospital. The estate trustees, who have other sites to offer, want their land for house-building. Rather than simulate two dogs over a bone, we advise co-operation in forging ahead with both much-needed schemes.

A Noble Work.

Last year the Salvation Army offered a shelter and a haven to over sixty little expectant mothers of fourteen years and under. Colonel Catherine Booth is now hoping to establish a new maternity hospital in Manchester, and £5,000 is required for the building. We wish it well. But what a terrible commentary that there should be such a necessity to-day.

Promising Lad.

After rousing his brother, lifting a small sister from bed, and jumping with her 12 ft. to safety, Miles Bennett, son of a Manchester licensee, went back to the burning house to rescue a dog. Notwithstanding an injured leg, he then insisted on working as usual. Only sixteen years of age, we predict he will be every inch a man some day.

Sullying Little Souls.

His eyes chancing upon a child in court, Mr. Justice Bateson, of the Probate and Divorce Division, asked the father to take him away. "I do not think people ought to bring children here," his lordship added, a sentiment which all clean-minded people will echo.

New "Profession."

Caught on enclosed premises with electric torch and jemmy, Henry Anderson, a tailor, told the North London magistrate that "bookmakers had made him desperate with threats, so he entered the burglary profession, and made a mess of it." Henry must use his month in prison to resolve that safety shall lie in sticking to honest "trade."

Pitiful Tragedy.

A Yorkshire youth, scarcely able to maintain himself and for a time in a home for mental defectives, has been foolishly allowed to keep company with a poor West Riding girl. Their marriage is an unthinkable proposition, but the girl is now a mother and the afflicted lad the father of her bairn. When will the law set up safeguards against such tragedies?

Mixed Feelings.

Because the presence of a woman magistrate made the solicitor defending a prisoner charged at Southport with a serious offence "feel embarrassed," the lady retired. We believe that women magistrates often "feel embarrassed" over delicate details revealed to a mixed Bench, but we never heard of the men "out of courtesy" leaving the field to their women compeers.

Enough—but No Feast.

By confining one's diet to bacon, haricot beans, sugar, bread, treacle, flour, margarine, cheese, potatoes and oatmeal, Professor V. H. Mottram, of King's College for Women, London University, says it would be possible to live very comfortably on 10s. a week. We invite the professor to try it for twelve months, after which we shall be pleased to hear the revised version.

Bullying Brute.

When his frail-looking wife objected to his conduct, Henry Brown, a powerfully-built Hull foreman, dragged her upstairs, tore off her clothing and thrashed her with a belt. Because she pleaded for him, the magistrates gave him a mild rebuke and bound him over! For obvious reasons, that plea should have been disregarded. Brown needs real punishment.

To Parents.

It is not generally known that, under the Royal Warrant of September 2, 1924, a dependency or flat-rate pension awarded to one of two parents of a deceased soldier can, on the death of such parent, be paid to the surviving parent, as from the date of application. Our Pensions Expert will be glad to deal with any enquiries from readers who think that they are entitled to the transfer of a pension in the above circumstances.

The Mercy of Justice.

In the last thirty-nine years George Henry has been at liberty for only six. Last December he made an honest effort to redeem himself, but failed, and was sentenced to three years' penal servitude and five years' preventive detention. On appeal the five years was quashed and the three years reduced to one. We are glad to see that this poor devil is getting a little mercy, and we hope that kindness will succeed where severity has failed.

Strange "Comradeship."

Though under military age, Thomas Lynch, of Dublin, served in the Royal Irish Regiment and the Royal Munster Fusiliers during the war. He was wounded in action and since his return to civil life has had a hard struggle to fend for his wife and family. As a last resort, he applied to the Old Comrades Association of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, only to be told: "If you choose to marry at the age of nineteen and rear children which you can't afford to keep that is your affair and you cannot expect others to keep them for you." What charitable comradeship!

Butter-scotch Ruse.

A street vendor is at present doing good business in the West End by offering free "Exhibition Packets" of Doncaster butter-scotch. The packets are conspicuously marked 1s., and are handed to those who pay threepence for a sealed envelope. The latter is found to contain a racing-tip, given by F. Fletcher, of 76, Caversham Road, London, N.W., while the value of the butter-scotch is probably a penny! Ingenious, but deceptive!

Blackburn Crops Up Again!

One of Walter Blackburn's misguided charity collectors has just been arrested and fined at Lambeth for collecting money in the streets without a police permit. During the proceedings it transpired that Blackburn, who runs a wretched hole-and-corner "home" at Tankerton, was paying his helpers 33 per cent. of their takings. How much longer is this humbug to prey upon public generosity with his bogus charity appeals?

Attracting Attention.

A highly decorative circular, bearing the command "Attention!" and a pictorial representation of a wooden soldier, has probably caused more than one householder to give it a second glance. "B. S. R. offers you the quick and confidential way" is all that is to be learnt until the circular is unfolded, and then one finds that it is only a moneylender's tout! B. S. Rosen, of New Bond Street, offers any sum from £100 to £10,000, etc.! It is to be hoped that these postal pests will soon be effectively quashed.

Slow-motion Publishing.

"Published and posted every Monday" was an announcement made by Richard Raymond, of Marine Parade, Dover, in inviting subscription to the *Competition Critic and Guide*. That was in August, but a Cheltenham reader, who sent 3s. 6d. early in September, was told that publication had been postponed until the 12th of that month on account of "unforseen printing difficulties." Since then he has waited patiently, but has heard nothing more. It is up to Mr. Richard Raymond to offer some explanation.

Free "Puff" Dodge.

The headmaster of a Lowestoft school recently received an offer of a free "puff" in a publication known as the *Country Pictorial*. A specimen article was enclosed for his perusal, and a brief glance told him that it had been lifted almost word for word from his school prospectus. A casual request for photographs rather suggests the old "blocks for illustration" dodge, and as the offer emanates from 21, Grosvenor Mansions, London, S.W.—an address previously associated with exponents of that form of "business"—the headmaster is wise to let it pass.

Beware of the "Bullets" Man!

It has come to our notice that some unauthorised person has been operating in the Cheltenham district in an impudent attempt to extract money from readers of JOHN BULL. Representing himself as a member of this office staff, he pretends to have "inside information" relating to "Bullets" competitions, and shows a marked desire to exchange that information in return for hard cash. Needless to say, he has no connection whatever with JOHN BULL, and if he tries his games on with any other readers they should promptly communicate with the police.

"Watch Your Teapot!"

In connection with the article, "Watch Your Teapot!" which appeared in the issue of JOHN BULL of October 8, 1927, complaint has been made on behalf of Mr. J. J. Bunting, tea broker, of 23, Rood Lane, E.C., that this article reflected on his commercial integrity. We wish to say that we had no desire to make any such suggestion, and we are sorry that Mr. Bunting thinks that this interpretation can be placed upon it.

136 more Cheques
for Registered Readers.
(*See page 2.*)

Problems of Life

The New Woman

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

JOHN GALSWORTHY is not only one of the greatest masters of English prose, but an artist of rare insight into character. If the principal function of the novelist be to hold the mirror up to life, then assuredly he takes high rank.

John Galsworthy

He has given us a whole gallery of portraits of English types of manhood and womanhood, some of which are extremely unattractive.

In "The Silver Spoon," for instance, he shows how a certain class of well-to-do young person who has grown up since the war is behaving and why.

No doubt he sees clearly what he describes; but, if it be true that any considerable number among the more fortunately placed young women of England have no higher ideals than the selfish creatures who live in his pages, there is something badly wrong.

DEAN INGE writes pungently of the deadly peril of the parasitism that is fostered by the "dole" in the ranks of the proletariat; but a far greater scandal and a darker danger lurks in the well-endowed self-indulgence of some who belong to a higher social grade.

These have deliberately repudiated moral restraints, make a mock of idealism, and scorn the softer virtues.

"Pity is punk" is one of their commonplaces, and they trample on the protective instinct which is at once the root of true motherhood and the flower of chivalry.

I do not believe this evil mentality extends very far or goes very deep, for it does violence to what is most fundamental in human nature.

Preceptors of colleges, heads of hospitals and directors of other institutions where young women are being trained for the serious work of life, say that the young woman of to-day exhibits more promise than her mother and grandmother did at her age.

She is a stronger character, more self-reliant, of better judgment, less sentimental.

Said a head mistress to me: "If you have any sentimentalising to do, keep it for the young men. If you try it on young women nowadays they will laugh at you."

THIS is certainly better than the insincerity of an earlier day when girls were taught to pretend ignorance of things they now discuss openly.

These hard-eyed young goddesses are healthier in body and mind than budding womanhood used to be, and much more sure of themselves.

But they would be none the worse for being a little more reverent and less afraid of being gentle and modest.

For the divinest thing in woman is her wonderful capacity for self-sacrificing love.

AN EX-DETECTIVE'S GAME

PRIVACY AND DUD CHEQUES

C.I.D. and K I D!

THIS is an age of weird societies and unique organisations, but it would be difficult to single out anything to rival the recently-formed London & Provincial Trade Enquiries Association, of Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, S.W.

Its "Rules for Guidance of Clients" suggest that it was formed to act as a kind of private police force, but with a remarkably elastic scope.

Thus we find that, apart from tracings and enquiries, the association undertook such duties as debt-collecting, court attendances and summons serving.

The general fee for one year's service appears to have been £2 2s., but individual rates, such as 7s. 6d. to £1 for enquiry work or 7s. 6d. per tracing, were also quoted.

In addition to this, there were certain branches where the fees were by arrangement.

Victimised clients

For instance, the rules imparted the information that blackmail cases were "a special feature" of the association's work, and that rates would be "according to work done."

The printed matter further stated that everything would be carried out by specialists who had gained their knowledge and experience in the C.I.D. at home and abroad.

Now, the individual behind this scheme can certainly claim some experience, for he is Mr. Charles William Frederick Clarke, who retired on pension from the British Criminal Investigation Department some time ago. Just prior to his retirement, in fact, he was at a suburban police-station.

In founding his impressively named London and Provincial Trade Enquiries Association, his avowed object was to render assistance to victimised people.

It is, therefore, distressing to find that his efforts have had the opposite result, and that clients of the association have themselves been victimised!

About two months ago, for instance, an Islington gentleman named Freeman, who was unemployed, answered an advertisement which called for a partner. He was introduced by the advertising agency to Mr. Clarke, "formerly C.I.D.," and the outcome was that Mr. Freeman was induced to enter into a partnership agreement.

Promises that failed

For this privilege he had to pay £125, while it was agreed, on the other hand, that he should receive a weekly salary of £1 and participate in the profits of the association.

When Mr. Freeman presented himself for duty he found to his astonishment that there was little or nothing for him to do. People whom he had to canvas would not pay £2 2s. for membership.

So he ventured to comment upon this fact to his ex-C.I.D. partner, who assured him that business would "soon buck up again." Meanwhile, Clarke decided to meet the situation by introducing a new system of fees, the popular charge to be 5s.

At the end of the first week the new partner drew his £4, but he could not help feeling disappointed on discovering that Clarke's optimistic statements regarding the state of the business were not backed up by actual experience.

However, he agreed to carry on, but during the second week he began to hear complaints from tradespeople who had authorised the association

Sir William Horwood, K.C.B., Commissioner of Police, whose attention we call to the facts here set forth

to collect their debts and who were apparently growing anxious.

Then, on the next pay-day, Mr. Freeman drew only £3 5s.

A rude shock

The deficit was made up a week later, when he received a cheque for £1 15s., but by this time his confidence in Clarke had been sadly shaken, and he harboured a strong suspicion that the London and Provincial Trade Enquiries Association was a sham agency.

Confidence was not renewed when his salary cheque, which was drawn upon the Clapham branch of the Westminster Bank, came back to him dishonoured!

This inspiring development, which naturally crowned matters, took place less than a month after Freeman had handed over his £125! Thus, his total return amounted to £7 5s. in cash—and a dishonoured cheque!

By this time the work of the precious association was being conducted from Clarke's private residence in Elms Road, Clapham, and Freeman made several unsuccessful attempts to see his partner there.

Eventually he obtained an interview, and after some very plain speaking on his part, demanded the return of his money.

He did not get it. If Mr. Clarke, "formerly C.I.D.," could not meet the dishonoured cheque for £4 15s., how could he refund £125?

A serious move

In the end a compromise was arrived at in this way. Clarke had a Wolseley car and he offered to hand it over in settlement. Freeman agreed and was given the following brief document, written and signed by Clarke, and bearing a sixpenny stamp:—

I, Charles Clarke, of 23, Elms Road, Clapham, hand to Charles Freeman a Woolsey car Index R.W. 3743 in settlement of his share in the business; also Oliver typewriter.—(Sd.) CHARLES CLARKE.

The car was not worth £125, but Freeman thought it better than nothing, and by its sale he realised about a quarter of what he had invested.

Then things began to happen! A Bond Street firm began to make enquiries respecting certain overdue instalments on a hire-purchase agreement entered into by Clarke.

Failing to get into touch with him, the firm exercised its right to reclaim the article involved—*which was the car that Clarke had handed to Freeman!*

As Freeman had by this time disposed of it in all innocence, the car was traced to the purchaser and duly seized. The unfortunate purchaser, who also acted innocently, is looking to Mr. Freeman for the refunding of the money.

Whatever Clarke may say regarding the partnership fiasco, he will require all his wits and "special experience" to explain away his behaviour in this "Woolsey" car transaction. In handing over property which was not his in settlement of a debt he has laid himself open to prosecution.

Enquiries in other directions show that certain tradespeople, who have paid fees and entrusted debt-collecting to Clarke, cannot obtain settlement, although they have evidence that his association has received monies on their behalf.

Good name disgraced

A local garage-keeper, too, has been trying to trace Clarke to present a formidable account for garaging his car and for supplying various goods and accessories.

Enquiries have also reached the police concerning this former colleague of theirs, who is still drawing his pension, and who is certainly not bringing any credit upon the good name of the world's finest force.

We think that Clarke's activities merit the attention of Sir William Horwood.

Meanwhile, we think the foregoing facts will convince tradespeople that the London and Provincial Trade Enquiries Association is an organisation to be shunned.

How can it possibly straighten out the affairs of others while its own house is in such a state of chaos?

The Snowball King

Craig's Bonus Scheme

FOR some little time past circulars have been sent out broadcast from a little office in Oswald Chambers, Glasgow, inviting people to invest in British Bonus Bonds and to "earn money without money."

The only individual mentioned in connection with the proposition is Mr. James Craig, who describes himself as "secretary."

A careful perusal of his literature prompts us to dub Mr. Craig "The Snowball King," for although he has garnished his scheme with much pomp and ritual, and claims it to be "original and genuine," it bears all the characteristics of the old snowball school.

A long chain

But, of course, trusting souls are always to be found to participate in the wildest schemes, and in this instance the very title "British Bonus Bonds" suggests security.

And Mr. Craig is not slow to back up his title with such phrases as "safe, sound and satisfactory," "conforming with the laws of all countries," "largest institution of its kind," "British throughout."

Now, what is the bait? A cash prize of £150 without any actual cash outlay at all! How is it done?

You simply send Mr. Craig 3s. for a book containing four bonus bonds, which you are to sell to four friends. They in turn obtain books of bonds for sale amongst *their* friends, and so the merry game goes on.

Each set of bonds issued is printed in a different colour, the series being white, yellow, rose, green, blue and gold, then white again. When, and only when, the whole series has been completed, the original bondholder becomes entitled to his £150.

If we assume that every link in the long chain is forged in the approved manner, with no defaulters, then no fewer than 21,844 purchasers must be roped in to pay the first!

In actual cash this represents £819 3s., so that, after the first man claims his prize, a balance of £669 3s. remains to be carried forward for the next payments.

There are four people waiting to be paid next, and before they can qualify, the ranks of the bondholders must swell to 65,536!

The broken links

Such a scheme cannot go on for ever, and of course, in actual practice, the series must get broken up where people weary of selling their bonds or fail to send them in.

From time to time Mr. Craig publishes lists of people to whom payments have been made, "in full or proportionate to the progress of their series."

Selecting a name at random from such a list we found that one lady had received, not £150, but £2! This does not mean, of course, that nobody has received £150. The whole scheme is, however, utterly preposterous.

STARTLING MEDICAL SCANDAL

INSURANCE COMPANY'S AMAZING APOLOGY

Crippled Worker's Shabby Treatment

IN April of last year, Mr. R. W. Gee, a coal-miner, employed at the New Ingleton Collieries, Yorkshire, was accidentally injured while at work, one of his arms having been broken in two places.

He was awarded compensation at the rate of 30s. per week, which was paid by the Yorkshire Coal Owners' Mutual Indemnity Company, Ltd.

The following October, the insurance company wrote to one of its medical referees, Dr. T. Lovett, of Clapham, near Lancaster, asking him to examine and report on the condition of Mr. Gee, and requesting him to state if he was fit for light employment such as *labouring in the colliery-yard or cleaning up roads for the county council.*

On receipt of the doctor's report, the insurers sent Mr. Gee a notice of their intention to reduce the weekly payments of compensation from 30s. to 15s. per week.

The altered document

Dr. Lovett knew Mr. Gee to be an educated and skilled workman, capable of earning £1 a day before his accident, and he felt that he could not subscribe to the insurance company's suggestion that such a man should be set labouring in the colliery-yard or on work on the roads.

He accordingly deliberately worded the recommendation concluding his report so as not to specify such work. These are the exact words he used :—

"In the meantime, I am of the opinion that Gee is quite fit for and would be benefited by light work, or indeed any work which did not involve strenuous work with his wrist."

When, however, the insurance company sent Mr. Gee the notice halving the amount of his compensation, it appended what purported to be a certificate signed by Dr. Lovett which read as follows :—

"I hereby certify that I have examined R. W. Gee, employed at the New Ingleton Colliery, and both bones of forearm have been broken and the wrist joint is weakened, but he is fit for *work on the screens at a colliery or cleaning up the roads for the county council.*—(Signed) T. LOVETT."

Doctor's dilemma

Shortly after the receipt by Mr. Gee of this report, Dr. Lovett found that a very bitter feeling existed against him.

He was entirely at a loss to understand the reason for this, until one of his patients took him to task for the report he had sent to the insurance company about Mr. Gee.

Not having kept a copy of his report, and being puzzled to know what exception could be taken to it, Dr. Lovett wrote to the company for a copy. He showed this to his patient, who agreed that it was a perfectly fair and unbiased expression of opinion.

Shortly afterwards, Dr. Lovett was shown the "medical certificate" which Mr. Gee had received.

He was staggered and reported the facts to the London and Counties Medical Protection Society, which regarded the case so seriously that a writ for libel was issued against the Yorkshire Coal Owners' Mutual Indemnity Co.

These proceedings were taken with a view to giving the widest possible publicity to these astounding facts.

Grave issues

The fact that membership of this company is limited to coal-owners pooling their liabilities in respect of compensation made the case of interest not only to the medical profession generally, but to a large and important body of workers.

It was the intention of Dr. Lovett to discover at the trial the party or parties actually responsible for issuing the certificate, with a view to taking further proceedings.

Two or three days before the action came to trial, however, the case was settled. The company expressed its apology and regret to Dr. Lovett, and stated that the certificate in question was sent out by a subordinate member of the staff.

It also paid his costs and a sum of money to cover any damage he may have suffered by its action, whether in connection with the certificate served on Mr. Gee or other certificates (if any) served upon other workmen employed at the Ingleton Collieries.

A full apology setting out the facts was published in one Lancashire and two Yorkshire newspapers.

Our purpose in giving this matter further publicity is to stress the gravity of the case, not only from the point of view of the medical profession, but from that of the miners.

Mr. Joseph Jones, Secretary to the Yorkshire Mine Workers' Association, which watched the interests of the injured man

We understand that the Yorkshire Mine Workers' Association has claimed payment to Mr. Gee from the insurers of the full amount of compensation for the period that this bogus certificate was in effect.

It is to the interest of everybody insured under the Workmen's Compensation Acts that safeguards should be imposed to prevent the possibility of a recurrence of anything of this nature.

A TRAGIC INJUSTICE

PROPERTY-OWNER VICTIMISED

AT an inquest at Southwark a few weeks ago on the body of James George Murphy, of Deptford, who collapsed and died suddenly at the age of fifty-six, his widow and daughter stated that his untimely death was due to worry caused by the action of the London County Council in taking his property.

A few years ago Mr. Murphy bought a freehold house, No. 27, Watergate Street, Deptford, and invested his life savings, about £800, in converting it into four flats, which he let for 10s. a week each.

He also owned a freehold yard in the same street where he carried on his business as a cooper.

Council's offer

In April, 1926, Mr. Murphy received "Notice to Treat" from the L.C.C. for his freehold house and his freehold yard. A surveyor valued the house at £500 and the yard at £150.

Two months later the L.C.C.'s valuer offered Mr. Murphy £180 for both properties.

This Mr. Murphy refused to regard as final, and sought the aid of the Property Owners' Protection Association, in the hope that it could obtain better terms for him.

Crucial point

The association did its best to help him, but found that the order for the acquisition of the property by the L.C.C. had already been confirmed by the Minister of Health, so that the only question to be settled was that of compensation.

In August, 1926, the L.C.C. took possession of the properties and proceeded to collect and pocket the rents from the flats, £2 per week. This it did for some months. Subsequently the tenants were dispossessed and the house has been pulled down recently.

The London County Council was sufficiently concerned at this man's death to be represented at the inquest, where the coroner remarked that the allegations were very serious.

It was stated on behalf of the L.C.C. that the council was prepared to pay proper compensation and that the matter was receiving attention.

Mr. E. M. Goldring, the secretary of the Property Owners' Protection Association, says that scores of members of the association whose property has been acquired in a similar manner will be interested to know what is meant by "proper" compensation.

So far he has received no amended offer from the L.C.C. for the late Mr. Murphy's property.

A Bill has been prepared to amend section 46 of the Housing Act, under which local authorities are empowered to take land, "including any buildings thereon," at a nominal site value.

Opposed relief

We understand that the Minister of Health is making preparations to oppose this amending Bill, and that Members of Parliament will not be allowed an unfettered opportunity to remedy what has proved to be so great a mistake.

When Mr. Neville Chamberlain opened a new wing of the College of Estate Management at Lincoln's Inn Fields recently, he is reported to have said that the problem of slums was a much more human problem than mere demolition and reconstruction, an idea against which he had often protested.

This equally human problem with which the Minister of Health has often been confronted is one against which he has made no protest, but on which he turns a deaf ear to the protests of others.

Matter of justice

The wholesale acquisition of property for improvement schemes at heavy loss to the owners is nothing but legalised robbery, and the Act must be amended.

While we recognise the importance of safeguarding local authorities from being held to ransom by people who would not scruple to stand in the way of vitally necessary improvements, the just rights of property-owners—an increasing number of whom are, to-day, working people who have invested their all—must be equally protected.

We hope that the tragedy of Mr. Murphy's death may move Mr. Neville Chamberlain to regard this matter as a principle of human right and justice rather than an attack on the powers wielded by his department.

GIRL GUIDE MARTYR

A CONTEMPTIBLE OSTRACISM

An Unmerited Ordeal

TO be innocent and yet for months to be under suspicion for theft is a terrible experience. When so-called friends still remain aloof, the distress is rendered even more acute

MARJORIE GREENWOOD, a sixteen-year-old girl, has just passed through a dreadful and unmerited ordeal, and, in fact, is still living under an ominous cloud.

Marjorie, a patrol leader in a company of Girl Guides known as the 2nd Worthing Rangers, was terrified one day to find herself in custody on a charge of having stolen a blazer which she had been wearing openly for months past.

It was vain for her to protest her innocence. The blazer, it was declared, had been missing from a school in Worthing which had been used by her company of Girl Guides.

Other things had also been missing from the premises, it appears, including a clock, money-boxes and photographs.

Her explanation of how the blazer had been offered to her by a woman, whom she had met at the school, in exchange for one of her own was of no avail.

The key to the door giving access to the school was kept on a ledge outside the building, and this "hiding-place" was an open secret.

Shadow of disgrace

When the case was originally opened at Worthing Police Court it was adjourned for a week at the request of the defending solicitor; then for a further three weeks at the request of the police.

So all that time the shadow of disgrace and suspense hung over this young girl's head, and, owing to the publicity which had been given to the case in her neighbourhood, she lost her employment.

She also received a letter from Miss M. L. Thomas, the District Commissioner of the Girl Guides, instructing her not to attend any further meetings or classes while the case was pending.

This ban even excluded her from a Sunday-school class, at which she was a regular attendant.

Thus, before her case was even given a hearing, Miss Marjorie Greenwood was penalised right and left in the most scandalous manner imaginable.

Drawn-out agony

Five weeks after her arrest, the Worthing magistrates committed her for trial to the Quarter Sessions at Chichester.

This meant that the unhappy girl was forced to remain under the shadow of disgrace until October 13—a further fifteen weeks of unmerited agony of mind!

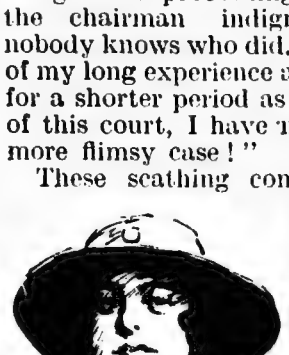
Then, to crown all, Marjorie was honourably acquitted!

The chairman, Mr. Barrington-Ward, K.C., without calling on the defence, said he would not ask the jury to decide whether the prosecution had made out a case: he would direct them to say that no case had been made out.

There was no evidence against the girl, and she *ought never to have been charged!*

"The owner of the blazer did not bring these proceedings," continued the chairman indignantly, "and nobody knows who did. In the whole of my long experience at the Bar, and for a shorter period as vice-chairman of this court, I have never known a more flimsy case!"

These scathing comments are a grave reflection, not only upon the police, but on the Worthing bench of magistrates, which included two women.



Marjorie Greenwood

Most people, too, will agree that it constitutes a wholehearted condemnation of the action of the Girl Guides District Commissioner, who in our view, took an exaggerated view of her duty.

But while Marjorie has thus secured an honourable acquittal and has had her name and reputation cleared to the satisfaction of the law of the land, her troubles are by no means at an end.

The terrible ordeal from which this young girl has emerged so creditably does not seem to have touched either the hearts or the imagination of many Worthing people.

She is still shunned by many who know her intimately.

Shocking treatment

It is not possible to go into the full details of her story here, but after a thorough investigation of the facts there is no doubt that Marjorie has been shockingly treated.

The police seem to have been overzealous, and, according to the girl's mother, even subjected Marjorie's bedroom to a search.

The police-woman removed a clock, in spite of Mrs. Greenwood's assurances that it was her own personal property.

At the time of her suspension from her company of Guides, Marjorie very rightly tendered her resignation. Now that all stigma has been removed from her name she has applied in vain for reinstatement.

Marjorie's legal vindication, her high character and record, and the unimpeachable position and reputation of her parents combine to make the prosecution she has suffered as cruel as it was misconceived.

Of the unworthy spirit which continues to animate many of her fellow-townsfolk we prefer to say nothing. No words can express the contempt which their attitude deserves.

'WARE ILES' WILES!

AN INK POWDER TOUT

Slavery by Post

THE bait of easy money always proves attractive, and there are many people about who know it. They offer various enticing schemes, and too often money is lost in worthless propositions

A NORTH London correspondent has claimed our sympathies—that is to say, he is young and ambitious, and eager to embrace any new proposition offering an opportunity for self-improvement.

But until recently, this lad was blissfully unaware that there were certain predatory people lurking by the wayside to take advantage of ambition for their own personal gain.

Therefore, when he saw an advertisement offering spare-time employment, he wrote off in all innocence.

And when he received a long circular letter, assuring him that a few extra pounds a week were his for the asking, he trustingly sent 3s. 3d. for the secret key to wealth.

"Age, sex, education or inexperience are no bar to success" was the inspiring assurance, while a broad hint was thrown out to the effect that the offer might not be available after the expiry of seven days.

Delighted innocence

Had he only been a regular reader of JOHN BULL, he would have known better, for the advertiser in this instance was F. Iles, of the Traders' Institute, St. Stephen's Avenue, Bristol, whose activities in the fee-snatching line have already been commented upon in these columns.

However, the youth, as we say, was innocent. He was consequently delighted to receive a bulky package of printed matter in return for his 3s. 3d., and he set to work diligently to study the secrets of success.

In a covering letter, he read: "For those who cannot afford any outlay at all, we can with confidence recommend the No. 1 and 2 Propositions. These are both thoroughly practicable, and can be profitably worked anywhere. As soon as your income swells, you can branch out into other lines."

After due consideration, the novice decided to experiment with the second proposition, which seemed simplicity itself. He was instructed to purchase a daily or weekly paper and to make a note of the names and addresses of those persons seeking situations.

Having done this, he was to write to each in turn, offering to supply a "skilfully phrased sales letter" in return for 2s. 6d., as a "direct and certain means of securing a well-paid berth."

Providing the spoils

As enquiries came in from this source, they were to be forwarded to the Traders' Institute, who would furnish the necessary letter, and full instructions to meet each case in return for 50 per cent. of his takings.

Now, in acting upon this advice, this ambitious homeworker fully believed that he was taking up a genuine proposition, and he did not pause to think that probably countless other people were being encouraged on exactly the same lines.

Shattered illusions

However, he had not been "in practice" long before one of his letters found its way to this office. The same mail brought us an identical letter, penned by someone of Godmanchester, Hunts, and of course a comparison of the phraseology employed told us the truth.

We commented upon the coincidence in a brief paragraph and suggested that both these people, though dwelling far apart, were evidently graduates of the same home-employment school. "They have been ill-advised," we said.

We do not know how the Godmanchester novice has fared; but the other has written to express himself in no uncertain terms regarding home-employment schemes. His illusions are shattered and he realises now how he has been taken in.

"I have dealt with several names and addresses according to instructions received," he writes, "and have spent money on paper and postage and not one farthing back in return. I have been trying to make good use of my time and this is my reward."

He adds further that he has complained to the Traders' Institute at not having received any replies after writing to roughly a hundred people. So far his mentors have remained silent! "You may be sure I am finished with home work. . . . You might understand my feelings!"

But he might easily have fared worse, and it is fortunate for him that he selected this one particular proposition and ignored the many others or he might have been out of pocket to a far greater extent than he is in the present circumstances.

Varied assortment

For, amongst the varied assortment of literature sent to him by Iles, we find many familiar catchpenny offers.

"Why pay 5s. a pint for shop ink?" we read, "when you can make half a pint of the best ink possible with one of our 3d. packets of 'X.L.' Purity Ink Powders."

Then there are "half-price" formulæ for such things as "bacteria destroyer," "skin gloss," "corn cure," and "chemical chimney cleaner."

Or for 2s. one can obtain "a complete encyclopedia dealing with science, occultism, natural history, astrology, and sensuality."

We could go on quoting such illuminating extracts from the literature of the Traders' Institute, but the above should suffice to show that its propositions, apart from the distressing experiences related above, are not worth a moment's consideration.

FOX AND HIS GEESE

A HYPHENATED HUMBUG

The Importance of Weighing Ernest

A NUMBER of books containing printed vouchers has lately been put into circulation by a concern known as The Credit Pool Association, which has its headquarters at Belmont Grove, Chiswick, London, W.

The Credit Pool is described as a "system of mutual investment by co-operation," and people are urged to enrol as many friends as possible.

Payment of 5s. obtains registration as a "contributor," and providing certain canvassing duties are carried out successfully, a return of £10 is promised within the first month.

A somewhat ambiguous phrase in the printed matter imparts the information that "It must be understood that it is purely a financial operation run by the organisers for profit, and your application for registration must be made in full acceptance of this proviso."

Salient facts

Who, then, are the organisers? The only name appearing in the booklet is that of the secretary, Mr. Ernest Warde-Fox; but it somehow strikes a chord of memory.

So, apart from the delightful vagueness of this singular "financial operation," it may be wise for investors to hesitate until they have digested one or two facts relating to Mr. Warde-Fox.

One of the first dubious ventures with which he was connected was a company registration agency known as Morgan and Partners, Ltd.

This was floated in 1913, and a man named Joseph Morgan was associated with Warde-Fox in its control.

Business acumen and efficiency would appear to have been sadly lacking, for certain returns required by law were not submitted at Somerset House when due.

In consequence of this lapse, Warde-Fox was threatened with legal action; but letters from the Registrar at Somerset House, addressed to the company's offices in Chancery Lane, were returned marked "Gone Away."

Vanishing tricks

In 1916, therefore, the company of Morgan and Partners, Ltd., met an inglorious end, being struck off the register by the authorities.

Meanwhile, however, Warde-Fox had not been altogether idle, for in 1914 he had been associated with the same Mr. Morgan in another company called Bedford and Martin, Ltd. This was formed to act as "stock and share dealers" and "business and company registration agents."

Once again the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies at Somerset House found it necessary to jog the memories of Messrs. Morgan and Warde-Fox with regard to certain overdue returns.

And, as in the case of the previous company, they could not be found, having disappeared from their Adelphi headquarters without leaving any address! Strange conduct for "company registration agents"!

The indefatigable Mr. Warde-Fox next appeared upon the scene with a concern called the Mutual Legal Accident and Recovery Society, Ltd., with offices in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

This society was formed to "render business and financial assistance to traders and manufacturers."

As before, Warde-Fox rejoiced in the partnership of Mr. Morgan, and between them they appear to have repeated old "successes."

At least, the authorities still found it impossible to obtain the requisite returns.

The company finally vanished from its offices and the authorities had no alternative but to write it down as "dissolved."

Then came Fox and Bratby, Ltd., with offices at the Grove, Hammersmith.

This company was to function as "dealers in motor-cars, cycles, gramophones, fire extinguishers, etc," and Warde-Fox curtailed his name in this enterprise to plain "Ernest Fox," and the company in this case was filed by Morgan.

Procession of failures

Our readers will not be surprised to learn that Fox and Bratby, Ltd., was ultimately "dissolved."

Then, in 1924, came a venture known as Warde-Fox and Co., Ltd., which was housed in Duke Street, W.

This concern, which was presented for filing by Morgan, had both Mr. and Mrs. Fox as its directors. The same trouble with the authorities ensued, nor was there any variation in the climax. The offices were vacated and the company was dissolved.

What a procession of failures!

Is it not a most shameful thing that any person should be permitted to form company after company, ignore all official regulations, and then disappear without a word of explanation?

Mr. Wilfred Greene, K.C., whose recommendations on the Committee reviewing Company Law Amendments should do much to stop the abuses here dealt with.

Before the Duke Street offices were vacated advertisements headed "One Pound a Week" were issued in an endeavour to induce people to part with sums of £100 for the construction of automatic cabinets.

Morgan, who was the tenant, departed, owing £60 in rent, while Warde-Fox distinguished himself by issuing a worthless cheque, dishonoured to this day!

All the office furniture was secretly removed before the landlord could seize it, and all attempts to trace Morgan or Warde-Fox failed.

A year or so back Warde-Fox was compelled to go through the Bankruptcy Court at Brentford, and, although he has since obtained his discharge, his victims in that collapse have received little or no redress, his assets realising only 4s. 11d.!

That is why we say that the public should not put much faith in his present "Credit Pool Association."

A Preposterous Puzzle

Unfair Pensions Ruling

AMENDED rules relating to the Widows and Orphans' Benevolent Fund of the Great Western Railway have just been issued, and a Devon reader has written to point out what appears to be a somewhat puzzling clause.

After setting forth the scale of allowances, the new rules state that "person who receives or is entitled to receive the old-age pension or widow's pension shall be debarred from drawing any allowance from the railway benevolent fund.

Two exceptions only are allowable. The first if the widow has attained the age of seventy on or before October 16, 1927; the second, if the husband dies on or after October 10, 1927, and the widow has attained the age of seventy at the date of his death.

Likely happening

Now, our reader, who resides at Teignmouth, points out that it may happen that this ruling will entail much unfairness, and he gives some particulars of his own case by way of illustration.

According to his story he entered the railway employ in 1877, and from the first he has contributed regularly to the Widows and Orphans' Benevolent Fund—in fact, such contributions are a compulsory feature of the service.

Niggardly action

He has thus contributed to the fund for fifty-one years; yet, were he to die to-morrow, his wife could not make any claim on the fund because she does not fall within the two allowable exceptions.

If this interpretation of the ruling is correct, and there seems no loophole for doubt, it is preposterous that all these contributions should be lost.

Surely there is something radically wrong with a scheme which can involve such obvious unfairness?

In any case the weekly grant, if allowed, would only amount to 4s., and to withhold such a trifling sum from a widow who may be glad of it seems extremely niggardly, to say the least.

Even if she is already in receipt of a Government pension, her husband's long years of contribution merit some return.

A "Rabbity" Concern

Offers to Shun

IT is natural that smallholders should send their produce to the best possible markets, and doubtless many such people have been flattered to hear from a London firm, offering them most attractive prices for eggs, poultry and rabbits.

Such a communication is before us now, and to the uninitiated the letter-heading is suggestive of extensive scope. The concern is called the Egg and Poultry Direct Supply Co., Ltd., the head office being give as Oxenden Street, Haymarket.

Big pretensions

Reference is also made to stores at Rose Alley, Park Street, Southwark Bridge and New Road, Camberwell, while several telephone lines and telegraphic addresses are indicated.

Now, it is not many months since we had occasion to refer to this company, but then its letter-heading was far less pretentious. It was also minus the blessed word "Limited."

We do not know how long the change has been in force, but the circular before us is dated October 2. Up to the time of going to press, however, the transformation to the "Limited" state has not been recorded at Somerset House.

The managing director of this so-far unregistered concern is a man named Albert Frederick Roberts, whose reputation in this line of business is about as bad as it could be.

Strange trading methods

His favourite procedure appears to be that of offering employment to anyone who will invest in his undertakings, and in this connection more than one misguided investor has had cause to rue the transaction.

The passing of cheques which have subsequently been dishonoured has formed another feature of Roberts's trading methods.

Although he has been in prison at least three times, he always embarks upon fresh enterprises of the above nature shortly after regaining his freedom.

As it is apparent that he has been endeavouring to engage unemployed men on the "cash investment" terms in his latest venture, it is only just that the public should know the type of person with whom they are dealing.

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OUR contributor flings down an uncompromising challenge to "Democracy" as preached by extreme Socialists. While his views are not necessarily ours, we are always prepared to open our columns to such thought-provoking articles

A Tainted Tin God

by THE EARL OF MALMESBURY

WE are constantly hearing, during these post-war years, of the marvellous strides towards greater individual liberty which every civilised nation is making for its people. Freedom is the human goal in every land.

So-called democracy, the Baal god of to-day, has been placed upon his pedestal and has been worshipped by millions in a frenzied adoration, bordering almost on dementia. The dawn of the millennium is assured, and we are even told that "Democracy" as understood by Socialists and Communists is the true end of the Christian teachings.

Socialism, especially, has become part and parcel of the organised political life of every nation, even of the less-civilised coloured peoples.

Indeed, it has come to be recognised as a national growth within the garden of the body politic; a pernicious weed is being cultivated as a choice and rare plant, to be watered and propagated as something wonderful and divine.

This is championed in the name of democracy, a name coming originally from the Greek, meaning "power of the people," and mistaken to-day to mean mob-rule.

In our country, unhappily, there are many amongst the leaders of so-called democracy who are stunted in outlook, limited in intelligence, and who might well be called political adventurers.

Bordering on lunacy

This post-war democrat, entirely ignorant of and deliberately disregarding all the tenets of fervent patriotism which were the hall-mark of his forbears who taught the idea of intelligent majority rule as implying government by moral character alone, cares nothing for history or serious economics.

His philosophy is the destruction of what he calls "the old order," and so obsessed is he that he even seeks to destroy the child of democracy—liberty—by pouring contempt and hatred upon it, disclaiming it to be a national virtue or necessary to human progress.

Some of the vapourings of modern democrats border on lunacy. Analyse their spurious propaganda in the cause of "the people." They foolishly forget that "the people" is the whole nation—each and all of us, irrespective of the class to which we belong or the service we give to the State with brain or hand. "The people" to these liberty-loving agitators are those who only do manual work.

It was Lenin, the super-democrat of Russia, who said that he hailed the day when the educated gentlefolk, the brain-workers, would be under the control of "armed workmen." Thus is liberty—child of democracy—buried beneath the dust of the new despotism.

Humbugging rulers

Instance the pathetic, yet powerful, Mr. A. J. Cook, ruling a million good miners like an ancient autocrat, humbugging their activities, causing them and their families to starve, throwing into chaos the nation's industrial machinery, losing us millions of money in commerce and trade, and all in the name of a so-called democratic doctrine which aims at the overthrow of all initiative and enterprise which has built our national greatness.

Great masses of ignorant people, all with a vote to use for exercising popular government, believe this doctrine, and are mistaking Socialism and Communism to mean true democratic rule. This ignorance is being exploited by extremists all over the world to the detriment of constitutional government.

The international slogan of these so-called democratic leaders is the well-known phrase of the late President Wilson, "Make the world safe for democracy."

In reality, it is making the internal life of most nations entirely unsafe, and in the judgment of any student of human affairs and history it is really "making the world safe for hypocrisy."

Shattered dreams

The real spirit and principle of democratic government is the free and unfettered recognition of the right of the individual, and every section of the community, to live and enjoy its rights and privileges without interference from other individuals and other sections in the State.

In a truly democratic community or nation, the rights of property and contract are recognised as sacred, as is also the pure administration of a complete and almost perfect system of jurisprudence.

Those who are in such a hurry to "make the world safe for democracy" will eventually find human nature the greatest stumbling-block to the realisation of their dreams.

Nations and empires, like individuals, must have firm roots in generations of experience and character to create the ideal State, which, after all, is merely the materialised ideal of the fully representative citizen.

This fact is borne out carefully and with suggestive insistence by the revelations and lessons of history. Where does one find a nation, an empire or even a family risen to power and prominence rapidly, which has endured?

Too much democracy or, in other words, too much State control and interference, means to stereotype the form of citizen generally, if not entirely, to the complete detriment of national individualism as a whole.

Slavish State worship

Parents are taught that they have no responsibility and that they must surrender their rights to the parental State, whose omnipotence and omniscience must never be questioned.

Children are taught that they owe no duty to their parents, and indeed any ideas of obligation and obedience to parental wishes and commands are said to be obsolete and contrary to the law of God.

The State is substituted for the parent. Human love is obliterated and in its place is advocated the slavish worship of the State machine. Emotions and the finer gifts of personality are to be drilled and organised so as to fit into the cog of an organism, or a soulless mass-individuality.

In the realm of commerce and industry employers are told by the dictating democrat that the old-fashioned tenets of fidelity to duty and faithful service are things to be despised, and henceforth trade union selfishness and the rapacious greed of the organised few in the unions is the moral goal to which they must achieve.

The personal must yield to the impersonal ideal and the bad workman is to enjoy much, if not more than the good. The legal aspect of a working contract is to be held of no account.

A few years ago during the World War we sacrificed nearly ten millions of men of all nations on account of the violation of a sacred contract,

The Earl of Malmesbury

yet to-day, under the guise of "making the world safe for democracy," we have large bodies of men and women in every civilised nation teaching the same "contract breaking" as moral and democratic law.

Future world war

The result of this pernicious teaching we see everywhere in industrial and commercial impoverishment, and general world unrest.

In the name of democracy a great world nation has been reduced to a chaos, and in most lands there is partial rising and insurrection, or at least grave unrest.

In the wake of this democratic wave comes a contempt for hard manual work. Democratised education has created the ambition for clean hands as against creative work. It is deliberately fostering in the life of most nations the "clerk mentality," a most useful material for a complete servile state.

Along this path lies future world war; if we create all clerks and no mechanics or farm workers the whole human race would be faced with starvation.

The nation which kept its ideals of manual and creative work longest would be the one least open to attack, for it would still have the energy to grow its own food.

Democratic leaders the world over, with one voice, speak of the essential rights of individuals, at the same time creating deliberately a state wherein all absolute individual rights cease to exist.

Disciplined freedom

The fact is we should think more of duties than of rights, for the first duty of every individual is to develop his gifts by systematic training, along whatever path these gifts may happen to lie, for the fuller service of his fellows.

Our first duty and our last is to make the best of ourselves, and by the performance of which we will be doing our very best for our country.

In the modern state we want less government and more character. A nation of individuals, encouraged from youth to use their gifts of creative initiative, believing character to be the hall-mark of a good citizen, is not only a healthy world unit, but is also creating a national future based upon sure foundations.

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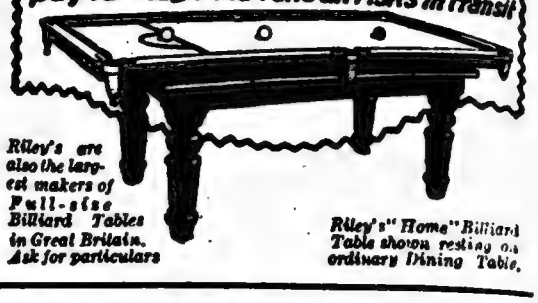

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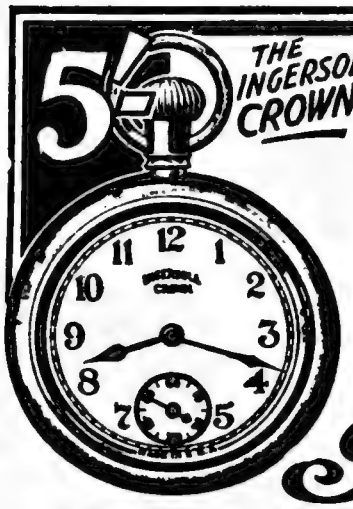

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To Mr. ARTHUR M. SAMUEL, M.P,
Ministry for Overseas Trade.

DEAR SIR,—I agree that the young men of to-day would be well advised to think work for the future of more importance than "having an easy time." But when you say that the material we are getting for staffing big business is not so good as it ought to be, it will be well, not to blame the young, but to look for the cause of their failure. Something seems wrong with the *curriculum* of the schools. JOHN BULL.

To General Sir IAN HAMILTON, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
Hyde Park Gardens, W.

GALLANT SIR,—"The sands are running out fast. To see the way people palter with peace anyone might think we could take our time." Even so, do you warn us that a generation is arising which knows not war, and which might once again be carried away with the false glamour of its spurious glory. It is the bounden duty of those who have experienced its horrors to do their utmost to protect posterity from this maddest of all vices. JOHN BULL.

To LORD HALDANE OF CLOAN, F.R.S., K.T.,
Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

MY LORD,—Profoundly wise is your dictum that it is neither wealth nor birth that brings success, but power and personality; and few will dispute your conclusion that it is education which develops these attributes. When the poor are afforded equal opportunities in this respect with the high-born and the rich, then only will the nation reap the full benefit of the splendid material it breeds. JOHN BULL.

To LORD ABERCONWAY,
Belgrave Square, S.W.

MY LORD,—Your opinion that British industrialists have despised the aid of science while business men in Germany and America have forged ahead by co-operating with it, is borne out by facts. Rule-of-thumb methods may have prospered in the past; in the present they spell ruin. If Great Britain is to keep her place in world trade she must scrap prejudice and get a move on.
JOHN BULL.

To Miss MAUDE ROYDEN,
Rosslyn Hill, N.W.

DEAR MADAM,—In reply to the argument of the Bishop of Durham that we are on the downgrade, you dispute his contention that this can logically be inferred from the fact that we do not attend places of worship so often as we might. Christ, you argue, appealed to the people to consider the Kingdom of God, not to attend the synagogues. I would that all religious teachers were possessed of your sound understanding and your fine human sympathies. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. HERBERT E. WITARD, J.P.,
Lord Mayor-elect, Norwich.

DEAR SIR,—With little education, you started industrial life by working on the land, and afterwards went to sea as a cabin-boy; thence to a shoe factory, and onwards, till now you are chief of the local Co-operative Insurance Society. The highest honour at the disposal of your fellow-citizens is yours to-day, and I heartily congratulate you on the fine example you have set to ambitious youth. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. R. H. TAWNEY,
Workers' Educational Association.

DEAR SIR,—Your argument that if the school age were raised by a year, and maintenance allowance granted to, say, 30 per cent. of the children, the saving in unemployment benefit would still leave a handsome balance in favour of the State cannot seriously be contended. Since the educational value to the children themselves is beyond computation, it is difficult to understand the attitude of the Minister. None are so blind as those who will not see. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. H. DAVIES,
Labour Master, Newport Casual Ward.

DEAR SIR,—To complain that men refuse to do their allotted task while given beds over which vermin crawl all night shows you lacking in a sense of fitness. Even tramps may object to bugs. That the magistrates have taken a serious view of the men's complaint and ordered fumigation is enough for your critics. They believed the place was filthy and it apparently was.
JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. HILL,
Rosebery Avenue School, Holborn.

DEAR MADAM,—Seventy per cent. of your children live in overcrowded blocks of buildings, and yet, although there are ten large grass squares in your district, there is not a foot of green sward upon which a little child may run. That grass is considered "too delicate" for childish feet shows that our sense of values needs readjustment. I share your indignation to the full. JOHN BULL.

To The EDUCATION COMMITTEE,
West Coker, Somerset.

GENTLEMEN,—After a deadlock lasting twelve months, the conflict between yourselves and the parents of a little nine-year-old girl who wore a bangle in school is settled. No prosecution is to be permitted, and the laugh, if any, is on the side of the child. She may wear her bangle is the decision of the Somerset County Council. Possibly hereafter you will turn your attention to things that matter. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. W. B. PINDAR,
Clerk to Hunslet Rural District Council.

DEAR SIR,—I am in entire agreement with your view that regional town-planning committees should be armed with power to co-ordinate and harmonise the plans of adjoining local authorities. We have had too much go-as-you-please building. The beautiful cities we dream of can only come into being by co-operation, not by chaos.
JOHN BULL.

To The UNKNOWN OFFICIAL,
Cwm Cynon Colliery, Mountain Ash.

DEAR SIR,—Although your name has not been published, I admire your brave persistence. When tons of *débris* fell at Cwm Cynon and a man was killed, another was partly buried. This man, Robert Jones, you kept alive by continually scraping away earth from his head and face. To do this for three hours, with no tool but your bare hands, was a great deed. Your reward is the victim's life, to which is added the gratitude of his children and wife. JOHN BULL.

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MR. H. A. L. FISHER:—"I have never seen a War Office building which is not a disfigurement."

All to the good. Any other sort of War Office building would be camouflage.

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REV. GWILYM O. GRIFFITH:—"There seems to be something wrong with almost everything."

Which doesn't say much for the past work of the Church, does it?

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MR. J. T. MUSTARD:—"The Government has no more right to provide houses than it has to provide skirts for flappers."

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Without Fear or Favour—by the Editor

A MAGNATE'S CONFESSION

TRUTH COMES OUT OF HER WELL

Poisoned Soothing Syrup

WE have steadily maintained as a quite elementary proposition that it is foolish to expect trade to revive so long as the nations of the world are busy erecting artificial barriers in order to restrict it.

As, however, truth reputedly lives at the bottom of a well, it is often very difficult for the ordinary man to get a glimpse of her.

Within the last few days she has emerged from her well in a rather startling fashion.

The Australian Tariff Board, for instance, has just issued a report on the subject of tariff increases. It reports that recent tariff increases have added to the costs of production and the cost of living.

It further asserts that tariffs are being used to bolster up industries quite irrespective of any difference between wages abroad and wages in Australia.

It finally expresses regret that it is obliged to record the conclusion that there is a prevailing tendency to abuse the protective system and it roundly declares that nothing but disaster lies ahead.

THERE is at the moment a strong demand in this country for protective duties on steel. We have always been inclined to believe that protective duties—masquerading at the moment under the pleasanter name of "safeguarding"—are nothing but a sop to inefficiency and an encouragement to the lazy manufacturer to avoid exerting himself.

We hardly expected to get such a cordial appreciation of our point of view from a member of the very industry that is now clamouring for protection.

Yet Mr. David Macmillan, himself a steel-maker, declares that it is generally admitted by steel-makers that from 30 to 40 per cent. of our British plant is antiquated and ought to be scrapped.

He asserts further that some 10 to 20 per cent. might possibly be brought up to date, but that those that could be described as being even fairly modern would not exceed 50 per cent.

The *Evening Standard*, which is not exactly a Free Trade paper, commenting on this, says, "If this is the steel-maker's own view of his industry, it is clear that protective duties would merely encourage the inefficient plant in its inefficiency, and so retard that general overhaul of manufacturing methods which is obviously needed."

IS not this what we have consistently been saying? Is it not obvious that to cause a real trade revival all the restrictions and barriers to the free flow of trade and commerce must be swept away, and in place of inefficiency, antiquated plant and bad salesmanship, there must be better organisation, improved manufacturing methods and salesmanship of a high order?

The ancient cry that "The foreigner will pay the tax" is such an exploded fallacy to-day that it is fortunately—and conveniently—forgotten. We do not think that even the most hardened exponent of the tariff cause would to-day venture to make such an assertion.

The other fallacies are not yet so clearly exploded as that one. The categorical statements that we have quoted that tariffs tend to protect inefficiency should go a long way towards this very desirable end.

Again and again it was stated that during the lifetime of this Parliament there should be no attempt to impose a system of tariffs in this country. Yet bit by bit, under the guise of safeguarding, a complete system of tariff restrictions is being built up.

If it continues disaster most assuredly lies ahead.

The Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, M.P., whose performances do not keep pace with his intentions and his promises

A "CHALLENGE"!

Miserable Manners

THERE is a species of temperament which, in homely phraseology, may best be described as "all spikes." It believes in the sand-bin, not to make good going over slippery roads, but to pour grit into the machinery. It has a positive resentment of the oil-can.

It is always very much in evidence when settlement of long-standing grievances is imminent, so we confess to no surprise that it should choose the present moment to trumpet its intentions.

Nevertheless it is regrettable that Mr. W. M. Citrine, Secretary of the Trades Union Congress, should use that position as a vantage-point for the game.

The cause of industrial peace is one all responsible men and women have at heart. Without industrial peace trade cannot improve, unemployment decrease, nor any social reconstruction become possible.

Strife has become too widespreading and disruptive a force to be endured.

Peace is the one road now for men and nations to travel if they wish to reach the golden age, or even to reap the reward of their own labours.

To this end a conference at the Mansion House has been convened, as a first step to constructive measures.

Mr. Citrine "refuses to attend," speaks of "acid tests" and "mushroom growths" and "challenges" employers to give an "authoritative reply" to his demand for "proofs" of their sincerity.

This is merely silly.

Clearly, an attempt is being made to raise the issue of industrial peace into the realm of practical politics and run the country's business on sound constructional lines.

We believe the workers will further that effort and not be deterred by what amounts to a public exhibition of bad manners.

THE BIGGEST TRAGEDY OF ALL

A Great Betrayal

FROM whatever standpoint objection is taken, level-headed men and women will deplore the scene created in St. Paul's Cathedral when Canon Bullock-Webster made his theatrical entrance and exit against the preaching of Dr. Barnes.

That showy bit of business has been very rightly lashed by Dean Inge. It amounts to downright brawling. It is an offence against public order. It turns a dignified religious service into a puppet-show, and—it is unnecessary.

Through a welter of persecution, suffering, blood and tears, that no one outside a lunatic asylum would wish to see repeated, the cause of religious freedom has been won in this country.

There is liberty for every man to worship in his own way, or not at all, as he pleases. High Church or Low, Catholic, Nonconformist or Modernist, may hold their services, follow their creeds, and preach in whatever way appears to them most satisfactory.

The obvious course for any religionist whose own church services cease to please him is to resign and join another church where they do.

That this course is so seldom taken gives the greatest handle to those who mock at all religion. It appears to them a jumble of jarring creeds and warring elements, each sect striving for power and trying to get the better of the other.

It is laughable to expect any spiritual revival in such conditions. The wonder is, not that churches are empty, but that congregations are so good as they are. Why should men crowd to listen to expositions of a gospel of love, when the expositors do not even know how to love one another?

The pity of the whole thing is that there is so much work waiting for the Churches to do without entering into a struggle of creeds at all.

The Church has buildings from which the great gospel of humanity may be preached. It has organisation and money and men. More significant still, it has a gospel whose simple essence contains the germ of truth which, if applied, might still save the world.

That is the biggest tragedy of all. There is nothing in the whole of that gospel to warrant squabbling about creeds. There is nothing about parsons, and precious little, save in the way of condemnation, about priests.

But there is given a rule of life, a golden rule, which bids all followers of the humble Nazarene to love their neighbour as themselves.

This damns oppression and cruelty in any guise or shape. It calls to honour, compassion, and neighbourliness. It throws a searchlight of burning indignation upon foul slums, sweated labour and human waste.

It is a spur to human endeavour. It is revolutionary because it turns evil to good. Yet, instead of dealing in this good human stuff; instead of feeding the hungry and inspiring them with hope, we have the sorry spectacle of ministers of the gospel quarrelling over creeds.

It is more than a pity. It is a very great scandal.

What Would Christ Say?

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

TO go through the ghastly formality of sentencing a woman to death when there is not the slightest intention of carrying out that sentence is sometimes the thankless task of our English judges. Nor is it British justice to sentence only one partner in a crime.

Mr. Justice Talbot, who passed sentence of death on Mary O'Donoghue

"LONG ago as it is, everyone remembers the terrible and grotesque scene when one of the most acute and forcible of the English judges suddenly went mad on the Bench. . . .

"He talked more like a priest or a doctor and a very outspoken one at that. The first thrill was probably given when he said to a man who had attempted a crime of passion:

"'I sentence you to three years' imprisonment under the firm and solemn and God-given conviction that what you require is three months at the seaside.'"

That is fiction. It comes from one of Mr. G. K. Chesterton's most famous and most fantastic tales. Let us now take a look at fact.

The other day, a waitress stood in the dock at the Old Bailey. Aged twenty-four, she was accused of the murder of her infant child.

Terrible ordeal

Have you ever sat through a murder trial? I have—and it is an experience I would not willingly repeat. That is why I can visualise poor Mary O'Donoghue, a numb, dazed figure, crouched trembling in the dock at the Old Bailey, helpless in the grip of the law.

Let us strip the scene of wig and gown, ermine-clad judge and solemn jury. Let us, for a moment, see it all through the eyes of Mary O'Donoghue.

It is the oldest story in the world. Mary, betrayed and deserted, ran away from Ireland, and gave birth to a child while employed as a waitress at an hotel.

Her employers discovered what had happened, and she was removed to St. Pancras Infirmary. When she came out she rented a room in Euston Road. Then she obtained employment. She asked her landlady to look after the child, but after two days the landlady was unable to do so.

After that date the child was not seen again. Suspicion was aroused, and Mary's room was broken into. Under the bed, in a box, was the body of her baby—strangled with a napkin.

The curtain falls

Mary had no money. She had no one to look after her. Dazed and crazed with sorrow and anxiety, she took the shortest way out. And there she stood in the dock at the Old Bailey—on trial for her life—a murderess.

Learned counsel states the case for the prosecution. Learned counsel states the case for the defence. The judge sums up. Every possible latitude, he said, should be allowed, even at the risk of straining the law.

The jury retires to consider its verdict. "Guilty! With a strong recommendation to mercy."

The terrible tale has been told—a tale so terrible, so heartrending, that even the judge is moved to declare his sympathy with the condemned girl. He will take care that the jury's recommendation to mercy is forwarded to the Home Secretary.

Then the last act in the tragedy is played with all due solemnity. The chaplain rises and places a square of black silk on the judge's head.

The court is deathly still as the judge's words fall on the ears of the numb figure in the dock—the most awful words that ever human ears heard:

"The sentence of the court is that you be taken from this place to a lawful prison and thence to a place of execution and that you be hanged by the neck till you are dead and that your body be buried within the precincts of the prison in which you shall be confined before your execution. May the Lord have mercy on your soul."

"Amen!" says the chaplain, and Mary O'Donoghue is led away. The tragedy is ended. The curtain has fallen.

The higher duty

But tragic though it is, Mary O'Donoghue will not be hanged. There was never any intention of hanging Mary O'Donoghue.

Learned counsel for the prosecution knew it. Learned counsel for the defence knew it. The jury knew it. The judge knew it. The spectators knew it. Everyone knew it—except Mary O'Donoghue. She, God help her, was past knowing or caring for anything.

Mary has gone to prison. In due course she will be "reprieved" by the Home Secretary.

I wish I had been Mr. Justice Talbot who sat on the Bench to try Mary. My remarks would have been different from his. I think I should have spoken something like this:

"I have listened with what patience I could muster to the speeches of learned counsel, and if I did my duty to the law I should direct the jury to find a verdict of 'Guilty'—as, on the facts placed before it, it would be bound to do.

"I am not going to do my duty to the law. I prefer my duty to God and my fellow-men.

"For the whole of the facts have not been placed before the jury. The one material witness has not been produced in this court.

"*Where is the man who betrayed the prisoner? Why has he not been found and placed in the dock by her side? If she is guilty, he is guilty too. In my opinion, the greater burden of guilt lies on his shoulders.*

The real murderer

"Until such time as he is found, until such time as the law is altered to place responsibility in these cases on the proper shoulders, I will have nothing to do with them.

"I refuse to sentence the prisoner to death because it is my firm and God-given opinion that what she requires is to be nursed back to health and strength and sanity. That is the treatment that I shall make it my business to obtain for her."

If Mr. Justice Talbot had spoken like that he would, I suppose, have been removed from the Bench. He could not, of course, have said anything of the sort, for it is his duty to administer the law as it stands.

But, if he had done like Ridley and Latimer, he would that day have lighted a candle in England that would never have gone out. He would have caused a clamour that would never have been stilled until the law regarding such trials had been swept away.

Let us, if you like, place betrayer and betrayed in the same dock for these crimes of infanticide, but do not let us pride ourselves on either justice or humanity so long as we only place there the victim of frienzied despair.

The case of Mary O'Donoghue should shock the conscience of England. It should stain the soul of the country to its very depths.

It flings a challenge down to the very roots of our social system. It flings defiance in the face of our Christian principles and our very humanity.

When we placed Mary O'Donoghue in the dock on trial for her life, we placed our country's honour by her side.

Until the law is altered, let us hang our heads, ashamed. For we are guilty, too.

Biff and B

Our contributor puts forward some highly controversial theories. We do not necessarily endorse everything he says

THREE things have been linking themselves together in curious fashion in my mind all the morning. One is the passionate cry of a little girl, "It was *wicked* of you to smack me like that, daddy!"

Mr. A. F. Holt

The second, a chance remark of an artist friend, "It is a queer thing that 'good' is so often incidental. People don't do good just because they want to do good."

The third, a most indignant letter from a mother whose son has been caned at school. She thinks of caning as the girl thought of smacking—as wicked.

More and more people are getting round to that opinion. I am inclined to it myself where children are concerned. I always feel that a small boy who is being punished by his father or his teacher has a perfect right to cry to him, "Here, you hit some one your own size."

That is how I *feel*, but at the same time my reason tells me that such an attitude is wrong and that the power to punish must be retained if we are to have decency and order in the home, the schoolroom or the State.

THAT is the position of the majority, and the wise parent follows his mind in the matter and not his heart. He knows that it may be his duty to punish.

The people who never punish are usually the self-indulgent parents who are content to evade a duty because that duty is unpleasant. By their fruits you may know them. The behaviour of their children is usually a powerful argument in favour of the use of the cane.

If we expect children to be good without a threat of punishment we are expecting more

An Amazing Blunder

by A. G. GARDINER

WE are all so entirely at the mercy of the police that any lapse on their part must have serious consequences. When necessity for enquiry arises, the enquirers must possess public confidence. The committee just appointed certainly does not!

IT is unfortunate that Parliament is not sitting at this time. It is still more unfortunate that Sir William Joynson-Hicks did not delay the appointment of his committee to enquire into street offences until Parliament had met. If he had done so he would have been promptly enlightened as to the state of public feeling in regard to the body he has chosen.

No more delicate task could be conceived than that with which this committee has to deal, and the constitution of that body is a matter of the highest importance.

There is no need to recall at length the circumstances which have led to the setting-up of the enquiry.

In a series of prosecutions by the police in regard to alleged offences against public morals in the streets, the courts have acquitted the accused and in doing so have left on the mind a disturbing sense, not merely of personal insecurity, but of distrust of the official guardians of public decency.

The subject carries us into that social underworld which all of us know to exist, but which there is a wholesome disposition to ignore in public until it is publicly thrust upon us. We assume that the interests of public decency and order are being safeguarded by the police, and that that institution is both incorruptible and efficient.

Unique temptations

Then something happens which throws doubt on these comfortable assumptions, and we are tempted to swing from a state of excessive confidence to one of excessive distrust. That is what has occurred in the last two months.

A series of unpleasant incidents in the courts has created such a widespread doubt of the probity of the police and of the methods of controlling the social underworld that investigation into the whole subject is urgently called for.

It is necessary for two reasons. It is necessary for the rehabilitation of the police in the public esteem, and it is necessary for the restoration of the sense of security in the mind of the private citizen. The extent to which the comfort and security of modern society rest upon confidence in the police cannot be overstated.

Taken as a whole, there is no institution of which we have more right to be proud than our police force. There is certainly none which commands in a fuller degree the respect and admiration of visitors from abroad.

Natural reticence

But the temptations to which the police are subjected are of a character that perhaps no other element of the community is called upon to resist, and since the police are not miracles in blue, but average citizens like ourselves, it is not to be expected that, however carefully they are selected, there will be no black sheep among them.

We are so entirely at the mercy of the police that we are bound to regard any laxity on their part in any sphere as a public menace that calls for the severest enquiries and the sternest measures. Only in this way can we maintain that moral of the force which the interests of police and society alike require.

It may be argued that the matter was departmental, and that the Home Office and Scotland Yard had at their command all the materials for clearing up the accusations and administering the appropriate punishment, if it were called for.

But the issue transcends any question of personal misconduct. It raises the whole subject of the law in relation to public immorality and such specific issues as the extent to which it is the duty of magistrates in matters of this sort to convict on the unsupported evidence of the police.

This point is of the utmost importance and difficulty. On the one hand, the peril of accepting the unsupported evidence of the police is obvious, and, on the other, it is precisely in these cases that the public is least disposed to volunteer evidence. It is this not unnatural indisposition to keep clear of nasty cases that is at once the difficulty and the temptation of the police.

It will be apparent that in a matter of this character the constitution of the committee of enquiry should be unchallengeable. And it is on this point that Sir William Joynson-Hicks lamentably fails.

The Rt. Hon. Sir William Joynson-Hicks, M.P., Home Secretary

The most flagrant blot, of course, is the selection of his own wife for a seat on the body. This is a quite amazing blunder that a moment's thought should have made unthinkable.

Conflicting interests

So far as the public know, Lady Joynson-Hicks has no claim to be on the committee except the claim that she is the wife of the Home Secretary. But that fact, so far from qualifying her, is the most obvious of disqualifications.

It is the police who are on their trial in this matter, and the Home Secretary himself is largely concerned with the administration of the police. If, as the result of the committee's report, there is any action in the House of Commons, it may conceivably take the form of a vote for the reduction of the Home Secretary's salary.

It is, therefore, clearly against public policy for the wife of the member of the Cabinet most concerned to be upon the committee, for it is obvious that the requirements of courtesy and of searching public enquiry are inevitably placed in conflict by such a procedure.

But if this is the most flaming blot on the committee, it is not the most serious. That relates to the representation of women on the committee. The enquiry has arisen out of a series of cases in which men are alleged to have been the victims of police misconduct.

But it is notorious in the legal profession that for one wrongful or doubtful arrest of a man in regard to alleged offences against public morality there are twenty wrongful or doubtful arrests of women. These, I am informed, are usually followed by a plea of guilty in order to escape publicity. That it should be so is quite intelligible.

Insulting affront

But whether so or not, it is apparent that the interests of women in the enquiry are paramount, and should be safeguarded by the competent and instructed representation of their own sex. But of the twenty members of the committee only four are women and not one of these has any legal training.

This is not due to any lack of women experts in the law. There are now a hundred women barristers and 140 women solicitors, and it is an affront to them and still more to justice that they should have been ignored in a matter in which their services were so urgently needed.

It may be too late for these and similar defects in the committee to be repaired, but they ought not to be allowed to pass without public reprobation when Parliament reassembles.

Be Friends!

by A. F. HOLT

from those children than we expect from their parents.

The Church says to man, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and the State adds, "If you do you may land in the Divorce Court."

The Church says, "Thou shalt not steal," and the State adds, "If you do there's jail for you."

The Church says, "Thou shalt commit no murder," and the State adds, "If you do there's a rope for you."

Would these Commandments be equally effective if the State did not provide a punishment for a breach of them? How are those Commandments observed for a breach of which there is no punishment provided by the State?

IT is right to say as often as possible, "Do good because it is right to do good," but there must always be behind that the force of its corollary, "If you do wrong you must be punished for the wrong."

How can a teacher hope to keep a large class of boys in order unless they know that he has the power to punish? He can plead with them to be good and some will respond to the plea.

Others will respond to the suggestion that if they work hard in class they will get their reward in material success later; but in almost every class of boys there are mutinous spirits who respond neither to appeal nor to suggestion, but are kept in order only by fear of punishment.

REMOVE the fear and you will have chaos in the classroom, just as you will have it in the State or in international affairs. The ruling motive from the home upwards is not—as we would wish—love, but fear.

Rule everywhere is and must be, as things now are, based on force and fear of force.

Perhaps it would be nearer the mark to say that "rule" is based not so much on the *use* of force—for force unwisely used may mean "mis-rule"—or on an *active* fear of force, but on the knowledge that force is there in the background, waiting to be used as a last resort.

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CRACKSMEN IN THE KITCHEN

The Butler Burglars

BEHIND the recent arrest of a woman with a score of names lies a romantic story of a gang of super-criminals who specialise in daring coups, taking the entire country as a field for its operations.

The woman, who has been known by the names of Betty Scott, Mrs. Taylor, Ethel Chapman and Lily Streat, was little more than thirty, extremely pretty, and, but for the influence of some of her associates, might have led a far different life.

She was a member of what is known intimately as "The Butler Gang," which derives its title, not from the name of any individual, but from the peculiar circumstances in which the men and women who constitute its membership obtain their plunder.

The lady in question had taken various situations, usually disappearing after a week or so with whatever she could lay her hands on. In all she had obtained thousands of pounds' worth of goods before she was arrested.

A shady lot

The immediate question which springs to mind in considering such a series of thefts is how the perpetrator endeavoured to secure position after position in reputable households.

That is where the Butler Gang, which shared in this lady's plunder, and which actually disposed of it for her, comes into action. Its headquarters are in the East End.

It has some particularly shady characters in its ranks, amongst whom are to be found experts in forgery, shady solicitors and managing directors of bogus companies, whose part in the operations of the gang is to furnish false references.

In most of the positions Betty Scott obtained she gave such references, and after her conviction she declared that she had written them herself.

Although the police disbelieved this, and felt sure the references had emanated from others of the gang, they were not able to prove it.

In this connection the police are faced with formidable opposition owing to the fact that members of the Butler gang have never been known to turn upon their fellows.

They are treated well by "those higher up," and if they are found out and sent to jail they know that their dependents will be well looked after.

Studied silence

This difficulty cannot be better instanced than in the case of a notorious member of the gang named Been, who has a long list of aliases, and whose file at Scotland Yard covers two foolscap pages.

Been was recently arrested for a series of robberies which extended from Glasgow to the Isle of Wight.

It had cost the police many months of careful observation to apprehend him and when he fell into their hands they spared no efforts to force him to divulge the names of the "superiors."

Betty Scott

Though the unknowns in question had obtained the lion's share of the proceeds, Been remained adamant. "It is your business to find that out for yourselves!" he told the detectives who questioned him at Scotland Yard. "That's what you're paid for."

Not long ago, another notorious crook, armed with seemingly unimpeachable references, secured an appointment as chauffeur to an exclusive personage in the Diplomatic Service.

Just in time

The employer was quite unaware that he was being driven by a man who had only come out of prison a day or two before! Of course, the references—one of which purported to have come from a famous soldier—were all forgeries.

By chance Scotland Yard detectives discovered that a big robbery was being planned to take place at the diplomat's house, and, by identifying the much-convicted chauffeur, the plot was frustrated just in time!

Many of the unfathomed burglaries on big shops are known to be the work of this gang.

A few months ago, a raid was made on a large warehouse, and the thieves, who were provided with several cars, got safely away with several thousand pounds' worth of jewellery.

To this day it has remained a mystery how the thieves obtained access to the building, which was well bolted and barred and fitted with various "burglar-proof" devices.

And though it is known that the thieves were let in by one of the firm's employees, this cannot be proved in the manner required by the laws of evidence.

Immediately after this raid the conspirators motored down to Folkestone, and, being already armed with passports, crossed to France.

Before their departure they were met by other members of the gang, who brought the booty to the East End, where it has been disposed of.

Some time ago a big robbery took place in Mayfair, when jewels of exceptional value were stolen. Six men were concerned in this affair *and are still at large.*

Unsolved robberies

These men left behind no clues as to their identity, and Scotland Yard has added the affair to its long list of unsolved robberies.

It knows, however, although it cannot prove it, that the butler employed at the house was a member of the gang and admitted the thieves. Without his aid the robbery could never have been carried out.

In another instance, an honest-looking, cultured man entered the employ of a titled lady in Kensington, who had no suspicion that his references were forged.

Before he had been employed there long, he framed a neat and simple coup, and succeeded in getting away with an immense haul of valuables.

In his forged references this man figured as a retired Army officer, but he is really a known criminal whose aliases include the names of Ferguson, Stevens, Davidson, Maitland and Richardson, and who has six terms of penal servitude to his credit.

Often such people are the victims of blackmail, being continually pestered by gangsters who know their records.

A little while back an ex-convict named Frederick George Offord decided to break with his associates and to go "straight."

He secured a post with false references at a London hotel and tried to live down his past.

How to defeat them

Before long, however, he was approached by former associates, who threatened him with exposure unless he aided them in robbing his employer.

Suspecting that something was wrong, the employer dismissed this man, who promptly secured another post again with the aid of faked references.

Once again he was sought out and blackmailed by his former associates. In desperation he robbed his employer's safe and shared the proceeds with his blackmailers.

Official records contain many sad stories like this one of Freddie Offord.

There is one way to defeat this gang.

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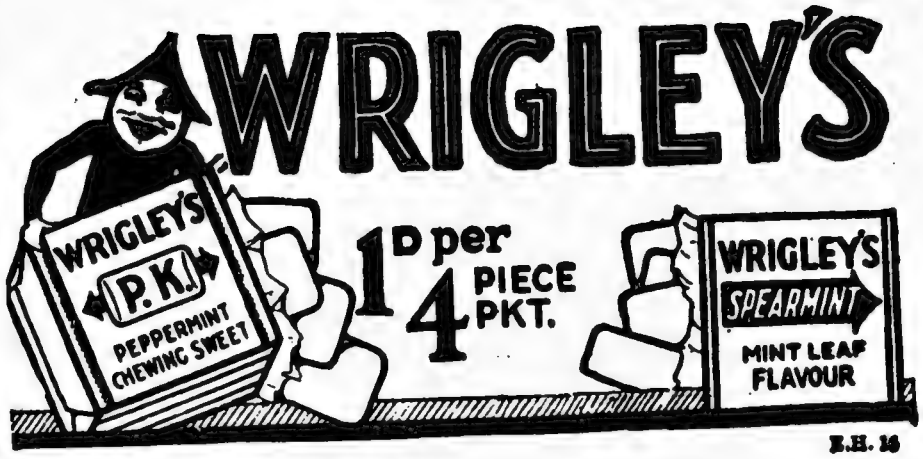

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ANOTHER GENERAL STRIKE ?

by **ALEXANDER M. THOMPSON**

NOTHING more deplorable in the history of industry ever happened than the general strike last year. Yet one of the great Labour leaders looks hopefully to the next ! There can be no doubt what the workers' answer will be !

MR. HARRY GOSLING, M.P., President of the Transport Workers' Federation, has written a book of reminiscences, in which he tells of his life of struggle to ease the strain of existence for bottom dogs of the Thames-side by adding a penny or two here and there to their scant and precarious earnings.

It is a tale, naturally, of many disputes and some strikes. One of the latter, the famous dockers' strike of 1889, resulted in signal victory for the men.

But it is to be noted that success in this instance was brought about by "the concentrated pressure of editors, clergymen, shareholders, shipowners and merchants," members of the class against which the strike was directed, but whose sympathy for the half-starved drudges of the East End had been roused by such books as Charles Booth's "Life and Labour of the People."

Dismal picture

Another strike, in which Mr. J. A. Simon, K.C., M.P., arbitrated, resulted, as Mr. Gosling says, in "a complete vindication of our position."

Yet another dispute, in which Lord Chief Justice Alverstone had consented to arbitrate, was decided in the men's favour.

In a fourth case, the men's claims were conceded by Mr. G. R. Askwith, K.C., whom Mr. Gosling describes as "the greatest conciliator of our time."

In the most notable case of all, Lord Shaw, presiding over the Dockers' Court, gave a verdict for the men which Mr. Gosling claims as "a magnificent triumph."

Now to the other side of the picture. Here we find a record of what Mr. Gosling calls "complete failure" of the Transport Workers' "national strike" of 1912: "the men were beaten by sheer starvation; the funds of their organisation were exhausted, many of them had been sold up, and the East End was in a deplorable plight."

What that means can only be realised by those who have passed through such defeat—the strength and pluck washed out of the men, hope stolen from the wives' hearts, light from their children's eyes.

Appalling fiasco

Well may Mr. Gosling say that for many months after that disaster he "felt sick and miserable about the whole business"!

Two more memorable failures are explained in detail by the book. One was the never-to-be-forgotten "Black Friday" which dissolved the Triple Alliance in 1921; the other was the appalling fiasco of last year's general strike which injured trade unionism more than any event in its history.

Well, there, plainly set down in Mr. Gosling's book, stands the record: success again and again by negotiation; failure, repeated and dire, by strife.

And yet—here is the amazing marvel which beggars understanding!—despite the record, and after admitting that strikes are "no good for permanently settling differences" (which demand "negotiations taken early to avoid hot blood and bad tempers"), Mr. Gosling complacently concludes: "I do not agree with those who say there will be no more strikes, or that strikes are no good!"

He even looks hopefully forward to another general strike!

I know Mr. Gosling for a kindly citizen, and one of the shrewdest of

Mr. Alexander M. Thompson

Labour leaders. But why this astounding reluctance to accept the plain moral of his own tale?

Workers' real friends

If Mr. Gosling, as he tells us, thinks that arbitration could and should settle the complicated problems of foreign affairs, why should he, in regard to his own business, cling to the barbarous civil war of the strike?

There was a time when trade unionism had to fight for its life. There was a time when workmen had cause to suspect the class bias of arbitrators.

But Mr. Gosling assures us that every one of those he has known—Sir J. A. Simon, Lord Alverstone, Sir G. R. Askwith, Lord Shaw—has acted in the settlement of industrial disputes according to the highest traditions of honour-loving, fair-dealing English gentlemen.

And what better friends have the miners found in their troubles than Mr. Justice Sankey and Mr. Herbert Samuel?

Why, then, should any friend of the bottom dog stick to the brutal arbitrament of the little children's capacity to endure the pangs of hunger?

In byegone years I have collected many thousands of pounds for strike funds. During that time I have had close personal knowledge of a young couple who had stinted and scraped for many years to furnish a home, and after six months of strike were turned out homeless into the street.

Then I came to Ramsay MacDonald's conclusion, "How childish it all is! How foolish it all is!"

A losing game

If the strike lasts a week, the workers' pinch begins. After three months, they are beggared, their best clothes and their furniture are sold, their children's health is sapped, and they can hardly hope in a long lifetime of toil to make up the loss they have suffered.

But the rich employer does not starve. His wife is not driven to pawn her bedding nor her wedding-ring. Their children never rummage the midden for scraps of offal.

Mr. Gosling "dreams" of redressing the balance in a contest between these ill-matched disputants by closer union between unions—that is to say, by increasing the number of sufferers involved in a strike.

"Dreams" is the right word. For what would these increased numbers mean? More soldiers without munition, more empty stomachs to feed.

The game is one that the rich can always play better than the poor. If trade unions combine, so can the employers' federations. The trend of capitalism is towards trusts. A combine of trusts would be backed by the whole of the banks, whose stability would be involved in the struggle.

Such scanty resources as the unions possess are lodged in banks or invested in securities whose value would drop like lead as soon as the general strike began. Their overdrafts would be called in, their credit stopped.

The munition of strikes is money. The munition of negotiation is reason. Let the workers choose to risk what they can best afford. The side which has more money than reason will prefer the arbitrament of money.

Ruinous and idiotic

The workers are poor, but they have one strong reason to stand by: the effectiveness of human labour has been multiplied by machinery at least a hundredfold, and yet they continue to live lives of insecure toil in mean and sordid want.

This discrepancy between the ability to produce and the ability to consume needful things is their perpetual reason for resisting wage reduction, and for demanding some share of any increase in the benefits of increased production.

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In Sunshine Ward

by **PHILIP INMAN**

"IT'S risky, you know!" How often are these words uttered as a caution when the performance of a good work is contemplated. And what a fine thing it is for humanity that the warning is so often ignored and the risk cheerfully taken.

A GENTLEMAN RISKS IT

I WAS standing at the doorway which led into the reception-room of my hospital. For a few minutes I had been watching the procession of men and women who had come in search of life's greatest prize, good health.

Suddenly I heard a movement behind me and I turned round to see what was happening. It would be impossible to imagine a greater contrast than that which met my eyes. A tall, good-looking man, obviously well-to-do, was carrying in his arms a little girl in rags.

It was not so much the child's attire, but her condition, which sent a shiver through the spine. Her eyes were closed and her little cheeks were pale as death. Before the man spoke I saw that he was visibly affected.

"An accident," he gasped. "My car ran over her." As he watched the grave expression on the face of the doctor his voice rose into a cry. "Good God, don't say she's dead."

A minute or two later, after the cursory examination had been completed, the doctor announced his verdict. "She's alive," he said, "but only just."

Heartless mother

An hour later, whilst the child still lay unconscious, her mother arrived. She walked into the waiting-room with an air of complete indifference. "What's the brat been up to," she asked, callously.

"It was my car," said the owner, who had waited to see her. "The child rushed across the road, and I hadn't time to pull up. She's hurt, I fear, very hurt," he went on, sympathetically.

"Teach her a lesson," muttered this heartless mother, and with the words, "I'll fetch her when she's better," she walked out with a tread of absolute abandon.

Peggy Cartwright, this six-year-old victim of the motor accident, went on living just because it would not have been a bad thing if the flicker of life had died out.

In a hospital the patients who ought to recover and who have devoted loved ones waiting to care for them often "go under," whilst those who are desolate and alone seem to recover almost miraculously and are sent out into a cold and cruel world to resume their lonely existence. But I must not digress.

Risk gladly taken

One day, I stood by Peggy's bedside just after she had taken a turn for the better. "Poor little mite," said the sister, "she's not like an ordinary child. All the spirit seems to have been crushed out of her."

And it did indeed seem so. When she was spoken to she looked about her helplessly and said nothing.

In a month, Peggy Cartwright was not like the same child. As she improved in health she seemed to catch the happy infection of other children in the ward.

She responded to any little kindness which was shown her and the tender, loving side of her nature which for so long had been starved began to blossom.

How much this was due to the "nice gentleman," who came almost daily to see her, it is not easy to say, but she actually became excited when she saw him walking towards her.

Her little tongue would chatter away to him and she would ask about all sorts of things—his motor-car; if he had any little girls like her; if he drank milk "like what they gives us 'ere," and so on.

But her greatest delight was in anticipation. "When I'se better," she told the nurse, "the nice gentleman is going to take me in his motor-car to see the 'efelants' and real teddy bears." This referred to a visit to the Zoo, which he had promised her.

A day or two before she was to be discharged this "nice gentleman" came to see me. "I am going to take Peggy under my care," he said. As I recalled

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the vision of that child's mother, I felt it right that I should utter a word of warning. "It's a little risky," I started, but he cut me short rather sharply.

"It's risky," he repeated. "I have heard that before. Twenty years ago I was engaged to a girl who developed consumption. When I spoke to the doctor about getting married, he said, 'It's risky.' And I took him at his word."

My visitor paused for a minute, and then he went on. "To-day, she's the mother of four bonny children, and I am a lonely bachelor."

The note of sadness which had crept into his voice disappeared as he concluded, "My solicitor saw Peggy's mother yesterday, and I have decided to take the risk."

The Sentence of the Court

A MENDACIOUS MERMAID

Dr. Dorothy's Dip

ENTERING the dock with a jaunty air, Dr. Dorothy Logan pleaded "Guilty" to obtaining food, publicity and adulation by false representations.

"There is no need," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "for me to tell the jury who the accused is, for she has made herself as widely known as the highly-disrespected Dr. Cook, of North Pole notoriety, or the late unlamented Ananias. She is, in short, the lady who sailed the Channel and claimed to have swum it.

"The history of her exploit, from the time she undressed for the blue water until she confessed in a blue funk, may be briefly summarised.

"She walked into the Channel at Cape Grisnez, swam until out of sight of land, went on board a fishing-smack, entered the sea again when nearing England, and walked ashore as a heroine in her own right.

"When bouquets arrived, Dorothy received them with becoming modesty. When one or two bricks of foreign origin were forthcoming, she announced that she was 'disgusted with the unsportsmanlike attitude they seem to have adopted on the other side of the Channel.'

"She also added, with the haughty air of a Perfect Lady to whom a low-minded 'bus conductor has pointed out that her 'tanner' has a hole in it: 'I had a number of responsible people in my boat, whose word, I hope, can be honoured.'

"When this Perfect Lady was asked to sign a declaration beginning: 'I . . . do solemnly and sincerely declare,' did she sign it? She did. When she was offered a cheque for £1,000, did she take it? She did, though she did not cash it!

"When the British Medical Association, being anxious to award her three hearty cheers, asked her to a meal, did she go? The answer is in the affirmative! When Lord Birkenhead became eloquent about 'this indomitable lady,' did she request his lordship to draw it mild? The answer is in the negative!

"Finally, when she had to confess, did she frankly acknowledge that her conduct had been shabby and unsportsmanlike? The answer, I regret to say, is in the evasive."

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Mr. Strawsplitter said that this silly hoax would have ended in a laugh if his client had not injured the vanity of the Press. Dr. Logan did not resort to deception for personal gain or notoriety, but to prove how easily this form of fraud could be carried out, and thus emphasise the need for proper supervision of attempts to swim the Channel."

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"If some allegedly high-minded citizens robbed the Bank of England with the avowed object of demonstrating that that institution was not under proper supervision, I doubt if their explanation would be accepted with undue enthusiasm," said Mr. Justice Bull.

"The plain fact is that this lady has proved nothing except her own foolishness. She assures us that her exploit originated in 'a spirit of chaff,' but members of her profession who have their dignity and reputation for honesty to maintain will not welcome this quaint exhibition of Ha-harley Street jocularity.

"Furthermore, the prisoner has cast doubts upon other swimmers who honestly accomplished what she herself was not able to achieve. Whether from a distorted sense of humour or overweening vanity, she was apparently determined to 'be in the swim,' even at the risk of finding herself in hot water.

"As her 'spirit' has been found 'overspoof,' I must sentence the prisoner to six months' solitary confinement in a Harley Street waiting-room, followed by the compulsory amputation of her diseased sense of humour."

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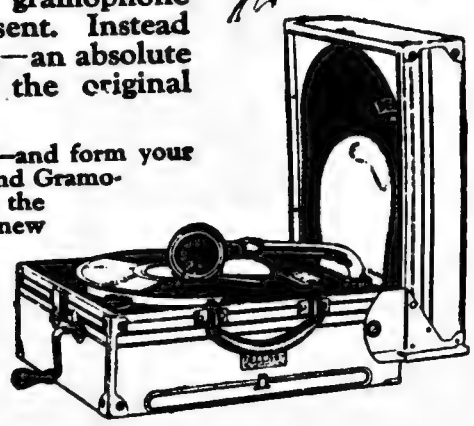

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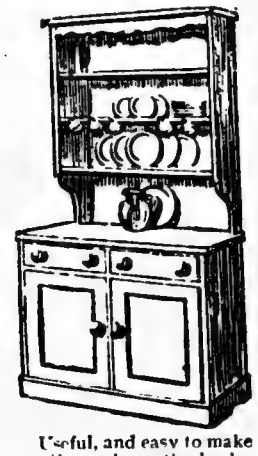

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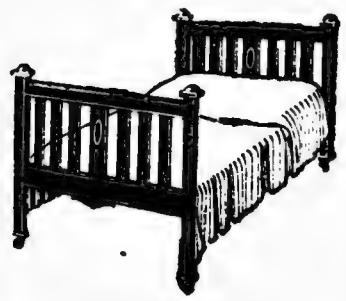

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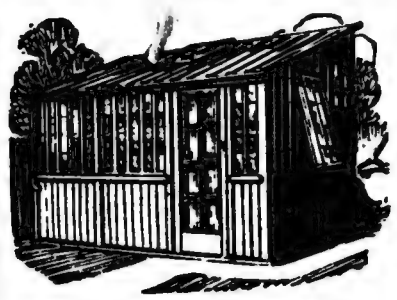

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THE CODDLED FIEND

by **MABEL HORNER**

"WHOSO shall offend one of these little ones . . . it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" is the divine law. British law taps such offenders with a feather duster and women are beginning to ask, Why?

A HEAP of letters lie on my desk. One is from a father. "Because JOHN BULL goes weekly into more than a million British homes," he writes, "I want you to take this matter up. It is very urgent. Public opinion must be roused. I have two daughters. My wife and I are getting afraid to let them out of our sight. They are good girls. A similar happening to them is too dreadful to contemplate. . . . I enclose a newspaper cutting. . . ."

Here are letters, too, from agitated mothers. "What do you think of our bench of magistrates?" asks one. "A publican who entertains a few friends of his own after hours is fined £5, but a man who ruins the whole life of a tiny baby girl . . ."

I need not continue to quote. The truth is that all over the country, first in one town and then another, a great outcry is going up against the treatment of base immorality as it affects girls and young children.

The law is not acting as a deterrent. Nor is education. Nor, and this is perhaps the most serious reflection of all, are the Churches of any avail to check the evil.

This peculiarly hideous and revolting crime almost seems on the increase. The more it shocks us the more cases appear in police-court reports.

Horrible disillusionment

There is a school closed down at Harrogate because of incidents related to their parents by three little boys who attended. Confidence in the integrity of the principal, Major Henry Bell Ostler, a man of fifty-eight, was suddenly and rudely shattered.

Parents hurriedly took away their children, and Ostler, who confessed his guilt, has gone to prison for six months with hard labour.

Six months! And the horrible disillusionment of their elder's goodness that must possess those little boys will last their lifetime.

At Gateshead, four young men, one married, have been fined sums ranging from £5 to £1 for most shockingly assaulting two seventeen-year-old girls. These girls, respectable and quiet, merely passed along where the four were standing beneath a street lamp. They were asked for money, seized, threatened, carried down a dark lane and badly molested.

Dame Edith Lyttelton, British substitute delegate to the League of Nations, declares: "It is a disgrace that in my country men guilty of assaulting little children are punished less than forgers or thieves!"

One girl escaped, and was recaptured. Panic-stricken, screaming, they fled, not home, but to the police-station. This wise action was followed by a prompt arrest by the indignant police, who brought all four offenders to justice.

Then, mark the sequel. The magistrates gave all the men a severe lecture, and—fined them!

It is little wonder that local newspapers have taken up this strange case of perverted justice. One calls it "extravagant mercy," and wonders, since the "heroes" were allowed time to pay, that this Bench of very kind gentlemen did not award them medals as well.

At Scarthoe, two young schoolgirls who picked up a fallen apple were pounced upon by a young man who threatened them with wild dogs and a thrashing, and carrying them into a spinney there assaulted them. He was discovered, and sent to jail for six months.

From Ely, perhaps, comes the worst story of all. For there, Ernest Cooper, a baker, chose for his victim a tiny baby of three years old. This fellow having admitted his guilt and said he "was sorry," Police-Supt. Roythorne actually spoke up for him, said he had known him all his life, and was "a respectable young man."

Civilisation in peril

This impressed the Bench. Mr. T. Peake, in the chair, told the defendant he had been guilty of a most heinous offence, and had it not been for the "good character" given him by Supt. Roythorne he would have gone to prison. As it was, he would be fined £3 with £1 8s. costs, and could think himself lucky.

I know who are lucky. It is the Bench, and the witnesses in this and all other similar cases, that their fate is not in the hands of the mothers who read their smug remarks and realise the injury done to innocent victims.

The *Newcastle Chronicle* finds it "difficult to qualify such magisterial decisions in moderate language."

Women, girls, and little children have the right to go about safely, and offences such as these do indeed "strike at the very basis of civilised society." They are wickedly anti-social.

I am not for tenderness with the culprits. They must be made to feel the terrible enormity of their sin. If the law does not provide for adequate sentences, it must be altered, and magistrates, without fear or favour, be compelled to administer it.

INDEPENDENT WITNESSES

The Disinterested Party Speaks Out

THAT is a wise provision in British law which insists upon witnesses, entirely unbiased by motives of self-interest, being produced both for and against persons arraigned before the bar of justice.

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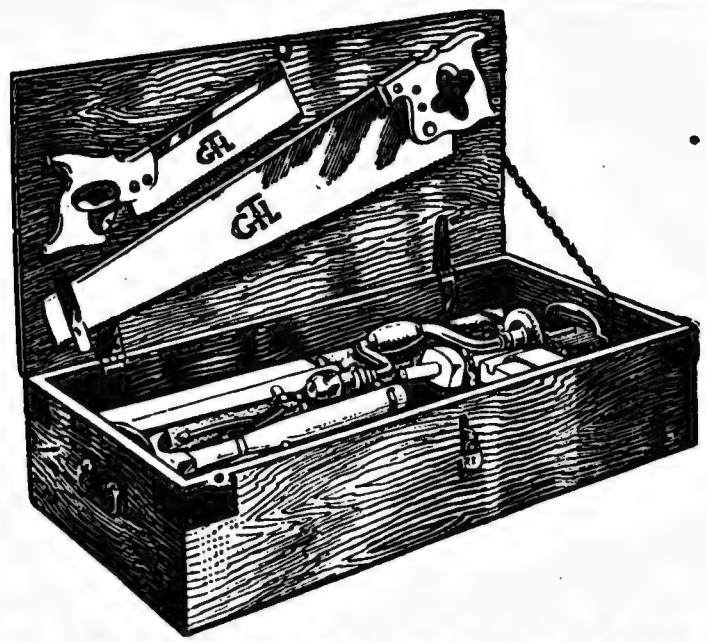

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"I AM a heartbroken mother and I seem helpless under it all. My husband earns £4 a week and has never given me more than 25s. for housekeeping. I have had to work to eke out what my husband gave me so as to support myself and my little boy.

"My husband is a brute. I have been beaten black and blue by him many a time. At last I went to his doctor and asked whether he knew of anything that would account for my husband's strange behaviour.

"His doctor told me that, in his opinion, my husband was abnormal and that he would advise me, if only for the sake of my child, to leave him.

"I got a separation order and my husband was bound to pay me 15s. a week, but he was given the custody of the boy. So far as I can gather, the magistrates thought that his father would be in a better position than me to give him a good education.

"THE horror of it is this. My husband has spent twelve months in a lunatic asylum. He was sent there by the police after he had attempted to strangle me and the boy. His mother and sister were both insane.

"Yet he is given the custody of a little boy, six years old.

"He cannot take care of the little fellow himself and has put him in lodgings. I saw the boy a few days ago in a deplorable state and took him to his nurse. He was wet to the skin, but when I pointed it out the door was slammed in my face.

"I took him to my own home and gave him a hot bath, dried his clothes and gave him a good meal, but as I was taking him home my husband met me and snatched the little fellow away.

"Merely because the little boy clung to me and said he wanted to remain with me his father took him by the throat and then assaulted me in the street.

"I cannot afford to appeal to a higher court. Is there no way in which I can get my little boy out of the hands of the monster into whose care he has been committed?"

"HUMANIST" says: *This is terrible. Make application, either through a solicitor or personally, to the court for the custody of your child, asking your husband's doctor to give evidence regarding his character and state of mind. I can scarcely imagine a bench of magistrates allowing a child to remain in the hands of a man who is insane, but if it should confirm its previous decision, report the circumstances to the Home Secretary.*

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"I HAVE been a widow for nineteen years. Nearly ten years ago I foolishly yielded to a man who promised me marriage. He deserted me, however, and after my baby was born I had to turn out to work again.

Callous Guardians

"When baby was three years old I was taken ill and the doctor recommended me for relief, which I obtained.

"My illness lasted much longer than I expected and I was a long time in recovering. At last the doctor told me that it might make a lot of difference to my health if I could go away for a change of air for a few weeks.

"Of course, I could not afford anything of the kind, but some generous-hearted souls kindly undertook to pay the expense of sending me to the seaside for a week.

"Before going I saw the relieving officer and asked him to keep my money until I returned and he said he would.

"You can judge of my astonishment and distress when I found upon my return that there was nothing for me and the relieving officer told me that if I could afford to go away for a week's holiday I could afford to keep myself and was not in need of relief.

"All the guardians will offer me now is a bed in the workhouse and that means that they will take my little boy from me and send him to one of what they call their 'scattered homes.'

"I am so afraid that if I let them do this I may lose him altogether. Do tell me how I can live and keep my little boy with me?"

"HUMANIST" says: *I am afraid that relieving officers are often sadly lacking in humanitarian feeling. Ask your representative on the board of guardians to take the matter up on your behalf and if you cannot obtain satisfaction in that way communicate with the Minister of Health at Whitehall.*

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"WHAT can a husband do with a wife who is continually threatening suicide? A very dear friend of mine is faced with this problem. He is the father of three bonnie children and is a hard-working, sober, clean-living parent.

Would-be Suicide

"His wife is what might be termed a tippler—never helplessly drunk, but almost continuously under the influence of alcohol.

"It is only natural that when her husband finds that all her household duties have been neglected he remonstrates with her, and at such times she flies into a fury, rushes to a lysol-bottle and he has to struggle with her to prevent her taking the poison.

"It is a very serious matter, for quite recently two women have died by their own hands, having poisoned themselves with a household disinfectant, and neighbours have thoughtlessly assumed their husbands to be responsible and have tried to mob them as the poor suicide was laid to rest.

"My friend loves his wife dearly. He is proud of his family of young girls, but his life is one long misery of dread lest his wife should some time, when he is not there to restrain her, carry out her oft-repeated threat and poison herself."

"HUMANIST" says: *The only way to cure that kind of trouble is to induce the wife to refrain from drinking. She must surely have periods of sobriety, during which she realises the terrible anxiety she is causing her husband, and he should be able to persuade her to spend a little while in a suitable institution where she may overcome her weakness.*

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Going Downhill

WHAT is more pathetic than the sight of aged widows in the eventide of life without sufficient means of support, having out-lived most of their relatives? You can give a helping hand to such poor souls by sending a subscription to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See page 38.)

"A YEAR ago, I befriended an unknown girl who came to our neighbourhood to have her trouble. My husband was then the treasurer of a local savings club.

Ingratitude

"After tending this girl with all the care a mother would give to her own daughter, and bringing her safely through her confinement, I awoke one morning to find that she had decamped, taking with her everything she could lay her hands upon, including the funds of the club.

"We spent all we could trying to find her in the hope that we might recover some of the money, but without success, and we went to a moneylender so that my husband would not be disgraced by being unable to attend the share-out.

"Misfortune followed us. My husband fell out of work and at last it became impossible to keep up the payments of instalments to the moneylender.

"Though only a few pounds remained owing, we were distrained upon, and the little home that we loved so much has been sold to satisfy the moneylender.

"I suppose it is too late for anything to be done now, but if you can advise me in any way I shall be grateful."

"HUMANIST" says: *It is a sad reflection upon the principles of the members of the club that they did not come to your rescue in your extremity. As you say, it is too late for anything to be done now, but your experience should serve as a warning to others.*

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A Shamefaced Mother

"Is it possible for me to obtain maintenance for my child without the publicity of court proceedings? I lived with the father without being married to him, and I don't think I could face the exposure, which would be a great shock to certain of my relatives."

"Humanist" says: *If you have been left without means to give the child a proper upbringing through the father's desertion, I think you should be prepared for the little one's sake to sink your pride and apply for the order to which you are entitled.*

Commuting a Pension

"I have a permanent pension of 8s. a week. I wished to commute it for a lump sum, which would be useful in the development of my business, but my application has been refused. Surely this is very hard!"

"Humanist" says: *There is great wisdom in the refusal of the authorities to commute the whole of a man's pension. If full commutation was permitted, the lump sum would, in many instances, be lost in hazardous business ventures, and the one-time pensioner would tend to become a burden on the rates.*

Guilty or Innocent?

"For some years it has been common talk that my father has been on terms of disgraceful intimacy with the wife of a relative. He has been urged repeatedly to deny these rumours, but he refuses to do so, and unless he will take steps to clear himself my husband wishes me to have nothing to do with him."

"Humanist" says: *It is difficult to understand an innocent man being unwilling to take steps to clear himself from such charges, and I am inclined to think that your husband's attitude in the matter is correct.*

Free 5/- Gift
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Housewives who help Trade.

JOHN BULL's offer of a 5/- Fountain Pen to all readers who introduce JOHN BULL's Great National Window Display Competition to their local shopkeepers and persuade them to enter, has met with a very enthusiastic reception.

Our readers feel gratified in being able to take part in this great national movement for the betterment of trade and the handsome Gift Pen (fitted with 14 ct. solid gold nib) is a fitting reward for valuable services rendered.

If you would like to have one of these Pens, go to your local dealer to-day and ask him to enter for the Competition. The simplicity of the scheme and the glittering prizes will appeal to him strongly. All that he has to do is to select any one line of goods advertised in JOHN BULL and display it in his window; take a photograph of the display and submit it to JOHN BULL. Small shops and big stores stand an equal chance—and it is not necessary to devote the whole window to the display.

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3rd Prize
£50
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Now is the time to get busy in your district before someone else secures the Pen that might have been yours. Show your dealer this announcement to-day.

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

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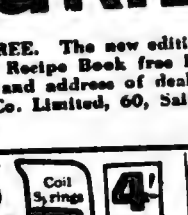

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As there seems to be a regular epidemic of bad coughs and colds at the present time the following prescription will undoubtedly be welcomed by many. Go to any good chemist and get one ounce of Parmint (double strength); take this home and add to it ½ pint of hot water and 4 ozs. of soft sugar; stir until dissolved. Take one dessert-spoonful four times a day. You can feel this take hold of a cough or cold in a way that means business. Under its healing, soothing influence chest soreness goes, phlegm loosens, breathing becomes easy, tickling in the throat stops, and you get a good night's restful sleep. While this Parmint prescription tastes good, is easy to make, and costs little, it can be depended upon to stop a bad cough, break a hard cold, and even overcome influenza in a short time.

WHY I RECOMMEND KARMOID TABLETS

FOR HEARTBURN, STOMACH AND LIVER TROUBLES.

TESTED JB

No one can be the life of the party or be gay and cheerful, smiling or attractive, if they do not enjoy good health. Undoubtedly most people owe their poor health to troubles arising from an inactive Liver, Heartburn, Constipation, or Stomach Troubles, and these are generally due to improper elimination of poisonous waste matter from the system. For this reason I always recommend the use of Karmoid Tablets, which may be obtained from any Chemist at small cost and which are easy and pleasant to take. Karmoid is undoubtedly the best aid to digestion and has a mild tonic action on the Liver and Bowels that tones one up quickly, giving new strength and vitality to the entire body by enabling us to obtain perfect digestion from the food we eat. Try them. If you are troubled with Heartburn, Liver Troubles, Constipation or Stomach Disorders you will probably find they are just what you need.

Our Letter Parliament

A Propaganda of Lies

Party First!—Bishop in Blinkers—Workers' Worst Enemy

"WOODBINE WILLIE'S" article, "Come Off It, Coward!" (JOHN BULL, October 15), reveals a deplorable state of affairs in the South Wales coalfields. Such a state also exists here in the Kent coalfields. Also on top of it we have the wretched conditions under which the agricultural workers exist—stark, staring poverty, with no hope of ever getting out of the rut. It is a scandal that the workers in the nation's greatest industries are existing in such appalling misery.—*J. M. F., East Kent.*

The Awful Truth

The state of affairs in the South Wales coalfields, outlined by "Woodbine Willie," will come as a shock to those who imagined the terrible conditions in mining districts did not exist, or, if they did, were greatly exaggerated. Such first-hand information, coming as it does from an impartial observer like Mr. Studdert-Kennedy should do much towards educating the particular section of the public referred to.—*C. B., Aldershot.*

A Startling Film

The more public attention is focused upon the miners' conditions the sooner will the national conscience be aroused. I suggest that a film, portraying the life and conditions of a typical mining village, be shown. Then the people could see something of the risks and dangers that miners have to face, for scarcely more than a bare existence.—*B. C., Nuneaton.*

Damnable!

In a certain village famed as the "English Switzerland" miners live in a so-called model village. Picture the usual "open the door and you are in bed" colliery hovel. The men work at present on short time, some three and four shifts per week. Their rents are 11s 3d. weekly, and this plus half-back rents held over during the strike leaves many men with under a pound to take home for wives and bairns.—*Ralph Plummer, Carnforth.*

No Wonder!

As a working miner I know that the miners in Durham are seething with discontent, and are only waiting for the opportunity to come out on strike again as a protest against the scandalous low wages they are receiving. Surely it is not beyond the wit of statesmen to face the coal issue, and to ensure a fine body of men the means to keep themselves and their families in comfort.—*S. M., Seaham Colliery.*

Everyone's Duty

If, instead of condemning the miner without a trial, others would follow the example set by "Woodbine Willie," and investigate conditions for themselves, these poor fellows might, at last, stand a chance of getting a square deal. How many of us, when sitting by a cosy fire, even think of the terrible risks and suffering these men must daily face? It is the duty of us all to take an interest in the welfare of these brave men who keep our home fires burning.—*E. M., Nottingham.*

Nothing Done!

It makes one despair of the statesmanship of one's countrymen to read the revelations by "Woodbine Willie" of the condition of the mining industry. Commission after commission spends laborious days analysing the disease and detailing the remedy, but nothing is done to remedy the degradation of the miners and the ruin of the industry. Let one of the parties come out strongly for the Samuel report—the whole report and nothing but the report—and the whole country will back it.—*D. D., Deptford.*

Brief-to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential, not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

Distorting Mirrors

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson in his apt phrase, "The distorting mirrors of Party loyalty" (JOHN BULL, October 15), has expressed in a few words one of the chief reasons for the public's great lack of confidence in Parliament. Party politics are, I suppose, a necessary evil, but when "the good of the Party" overshadows the good of the State the time has come for the electorate to use its own judgment rather than be "spoonfed" by self-seeking politicians.—*G. S., Allerton.*

Aid or Hinder?

Does Mr. Gardiner (JOHN BULL, October 15) really suggest that men who wish to save will stop saving when there is a tax imposed on surplus wealth? Does he say that more taxes make more spendthrifts? And does he not realise that the money obtained from this surtax on unearned income over £500, by reducing the National Debt and aiding the poor through the social services, health pensions, etc., will enable many to save who have hitherto been unable to do so?—*G. G., London.*

Paying for Experience

In "Letter Parliament" of October 15, "L. M., Birstall," tells how he bought a stone of seed potatoes for 4s. 6d. and sold the resultant crop (six-and-a-half stones) for 5s. 5d. "L. M.'s" experience clearly illustrates the folly of putting inexperienced and unbusiness-like individuals on the land. A stone of potatoes, suitable as seed, could have been procured for 1s., or less, as against "L. M.'s." 4s. 6d.—*W. Mc.N., Wigton.*

Farmer Fleecers

The weather and crops have been so bad this year in Norfolk that several farmers have succeeded in getting satisfactory reductions in their rent. Not content with this they are trying to get their leaders to apply to the Wages Board to reduce the labourers' pay to 25s. a week next January. Farmers who think a man and his family can live on such a wage should try it for themselves.—*Norvician.*

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-Crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"DAILY NEWS": "—— kills moths and their LARVÆ WHICH EATS HOLES."

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"IDEAS": "Hands up! UNBUCKLE YOUR BELT and let your gun drop."

"PORTSMOUTH EVENING NEWS": "Whatever you buy will be delivered free, INCLUDING THE ISLE OF WIGHT."

"LEICESTER MAIL": "This morning he scored 32 OUT OF A POSSIBLE 25."

Bad Eggs

My wife yesterday bought a dozen eggs, described as "English New Laid." The first two—the only two—opened were bad. I put the rest of the eggs through the "candling" test. All were old eggs. When is the Ministry of Agriculture going to move?—*Ex-Poultry Man, Bavenden.*

Best Testimonial

When practically every journal is tied to the apron-strings of some political Party or group, it is indeed encouraging to find that at least one can make remarkable headway with an independent policy. To have raised your net sales to 1,181,321 is the best unsolicited testimonial you could wish for. Congratulations!—*M. W., Ramsgate.*

Copy Russia!

Whatever may be said about the extremist methods obtaining in Soviet Russia, its reformed illegitimacy laws protect the infants, for the father must contribute a third of his wages towards the child's maintenance for eighteen years. The effect of this law is to make young men very careful in their choice of female acquaintances.—*H. S., Kensington.*

Bishop's Bunkum

The Bishop of Durham is credited with advising miners not to visit the cinemas, as by so doing their eyesight may be endangered and their morals corrupted. After a hard day's work I find relaxation, education and amusement at the cinemas, which counteract any desire to hang about "pubs." I have yet to see the picture likely to corrupt the morals of any sane individual.—*J. B. E., Methil.*

More Bleeding!

The taxpayers have just been bled of nearly £15,000,000 for two huge battleships. Now they are told that if they want these ships tested, in order to prove that they won't be sunk in ten minutes in a fight, they have got to pay for it at the rate of £2,500 a broadside. Was ever the folly of competitive armaments better illustrated?—*A. L. M., London.*

Docking the Dockyards

The royal dockyards were built at enormous expense by the Government. One alone, that at Devonport, is estimated to have cost £10,000,000. Their upkeep is very heavy, yet out of this year's Admiralty work, estimated at £8,500,000, only £4,500,000 is allocated to them, the rest being given to private yards. As the royal yards are not allowed to take private work, this falls very hard on the employees therein.—*A. R. S., Southsea.*

Worse than Strikes

Thirteen million days annually were lost on an average through industrial disputes in this country during the first twenty-five years of the present century. But the number of working days lost through sickness, among insured workers alone, was thirteen times thirteen million (169 million) during the last recorded year. This was equivalent, according to the Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, to a loss of twelve months' work by no fewer than 540,000 workers.—*C. E. L., Harrow.*

Scholars' Squads

Your correspondent "G. H., Balsall Heath" (JOHN BULL, October 15), wonders how one teacher can do justice to fifty children. The answer is, We can't. A class of fifty must be treated as a squad. The result is that the bright ones are held back, and the backward ones are forced along at what is for them an unnatural pace. So all the children suffer.—*Schoolmaster, Middlesex.*

"Bullets" Prize-winners

(Continued from page 39.)

50 Prizes of £10 each—contd

J. RODDY, 88, Victoria Square, Oldham Road, Manchester.
HEALTHY YOUNGSTER—"YARD ARRESTS" HIM ALRIGHT.
Mrs. S. R. STILL, East Lynne, Copse Road, Clevedon, Som.
TIDE OF FORTUNE—MISSED—FOOL SOUGHT RIVER.
Mrs. K. WATSON, 162, Rolleston Drive, Nottingham.
FOR HERSELF—LIVED—NOW, BY HERSELF.
L. S. WATT, 63, Cockburn Street, Edinburgh.
YOUNG BRIDE—GOVERNMENT RESEMBLES WHEN SHOPPING.
Mrs. B. WILLIAMS, Bavent House, Ffairfach, Llandilo.
MY UMBRELLA—NEWSPAPER—WIFE'S VOICE, "TORRENT."
J. YOUNG, 5, University Street, Overnewton, Glasgow.
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P. Antheny, 2, The Square, Rhiwbina, near Cardiff.
C. R. Bardwell, 4, Woodside Road, Kingston.
F. Bassett, 120, Albany Rd., Gillingham, Kent.
F. Beagley, 84, George St., Spennymoor, Co. Durham.
W. Beal, 3, Greenhead Lane, Dalton, Huddersfield.
D. Burridge, 29, Lisburne Rd., Hampstead, N.W.
A. W. Carder, 6, Park Place, Heavitree, Exeter.
C. A. Clayton, 25, Barossa St., Perth, N.B.
H. Clements, Claremont House, Blakeney, Norfolk.
J. Collinson, 10, Troutbeck Av. Newcastle-on-Tyne.
J. Crawford, 25, Abercorn St., Glasgow.
T. P. Dean, 24, Buckingham Av., Weaste, M/c.
J. Dennison, 67, Fell Croft, Dalton-in-Furness.
Mrs. A. Fletcher, Littleworth, Norton, Nr. Worcester.
Mrs. M. E. Ford, 94, Nelson St., Crewe, Ches.
Mrs. G. Francis, The Warren, Cottesmore, Rutland.
J. Hamilton, 5, Howth Terr., Annlesland, Glasgow.
H. J. Healey, 56, Cuthbert Rd., Wood Street, E.
J. Hodson, 13, Goldfinch St., Preston, Lancs.
Mrs. O. Holden, 8, Richford Rd., Portway, West Ham.
Miss I. Jenkins, 2, David Road, Coventry.
C. Johnson, 16, Sibthorp St., Lincoln.
E. W. McKone, 102, Gt. Suffolk St., Southwark, S.E.
W. R. Lewis, Tyn Lon, Dulas, Anglesey.
W. A. Maher, 8, Oaklands Park, Dublin.
O. Manbire, 12, Champion Grove, Denmark Hill, S.E.
W. B. Manse, 56, Grove Av., Norwich.
S. H. Miller, 409, Brixton Rd., London, S.W.
Mrs. Mills, 84, Trowbridge Rd., Bradford-on-Avon.
A. Morris, Mill House, Cobham, Gravesend.
J. W. Morse, 36, Blenheim Rd., East Ham, E.
Miss Norton, 129, Marlborough St., Ashton-u-Lyne.
A. Pittendrigh, 11, Roman Av., Newcastle-on-Tyne.
A. Prior, 32, Walpole St., Peterborough.
H. C. Roberts, 77, Lorne Rd., Bath.
A. Robinson, Quarry House, Barrow-in-Furness.
C. E. Sexton, Barrack Office, Piershill, Edinburgh.
H. J. Shanks, 7, Rodney St., Hull.
A. Shayler, Union Chapel Hse., Compton Av., Islington.
L. Smith, 2, Rattle Rd., Westham, Pevensey, Sussex.
S. Stevenson, Shamva, Woodway, Oxhey, Herts.
D. Stewart, 78, Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich, S.E.
J. H. Stonehouse, 46, New Castle St., Aldgate, E.
W. Straffon, Burrow Hill Colony, Frimley, Surrey.
G. Thomas, 10, Manor Rd., Manselton, Swansea.
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A Complete List of 50 10/-, 200 5/-, and 500 2/6. Prize-winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 655.

BALDWIN'S PROBLEM	WAY WE'RE GOING
MY SHARE	FOGGY
IF I WERE FORD	ON MONDAY MORNING
CAUSED A SENSATION	INTERESTING
WHAT THE WINNER SAID	EARLY BIRD
COMING OF AGE	MISERABLY
SHOULD BE STOPPED	KICKING
MAKES ME JUMP	A DRAWBACK
MOTHER'S BOY	FUNNY IDEA
WAITING FOR HER	WHAT IS A CRIME?

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons on page 39, and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked clearly with the number **655** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these Coupons must be addressed to "Bullets" No. **655,** JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. (Comp.). Such Coupons must not contain any of the Examples for Competition No. **655.**

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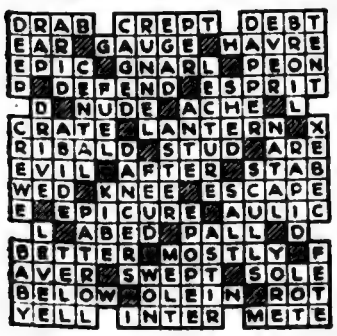

Solution to the Cross-word Puzzle in our last issue.

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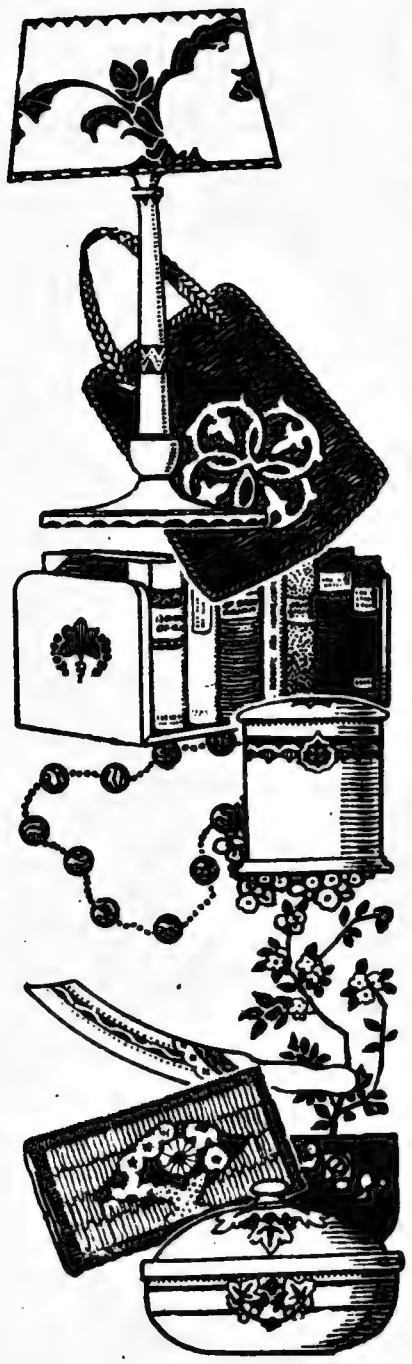
Money-Making Craft Tools and Materials



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Last Words on the Cambridgeshire—Orbindos and a Long-Shot—The Free Handicap—A Tip for "Ally-Pally"

I MENTIONED in my last notes that Orbindos—my Cambridgeshire fancy—had been a steady 14 to 1 chance for weeks past.

BEFORE JOHN BULL was on sale Gwilt's colt came rattling down to 9 to 1, so there will not be much profit for place-backers should he fail to win and yet occupy one of the minor berths. Writing well in advance, one is always up against market changes.

I HAVE decided to put Apelle on one side for another day—very likely next season's Lincoln—and as an extreme outsider suggest Monastery Garden.

THIS speedy three-year-old is sheltered in a stable which does not make many mistakes. Most of his races have been over short cuts, but, as a son of Abbot's Trace, there is no reason why he should not get the nine furlongs.

SEVERAL small fortunes went West when Monastery Garden failed in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, and I have been convinced ever since that the losses would be recovered sooner or later.

MR. DAWKINS, the Keeper of the Match-Book, has not settled that interesting little problem, "Which is the best two-year-old?" but in the Free Handicap, which comes up for decision on Friday, he gives us the official view.

I HAVE always advocated in these columns the wise policy of following the three-year-old fortunes of his leading six. On this occasion we shall have to be content with five—Fairway, The Hermit II., Buland—all on the 9st. mark—and Flamingo and Gang Warily, both 8 st. 10 lb. Five are bracketed with a pound less.

ONE of the conditions of the Free Handicap is that six horses must accept or there will be no race. Mr. Dawkins has endeavoured to bring together over 120 of this season's performers, but, as a rule, not more than a dozen face the starter. I shall give my selection for the race in the code.

THE Hermit II.—one of the three to head the list—vindicated my view that he would prove a top-notcher when he gave 17 lbs. and a good hiding to Peace and Plenty at headquarters recently. I do not know why Mr. Dawkins has left Peace and Plenty out of the official list — unless he found him too awkward to place—but it is interesting to note that Guadiana, whom Persse's colt gave a four lengths' beating at level weights, is in with 7 st. 13 lb.

Mr. Macomber, the owner of The Hermit II.

MR. MACOMBER frankly admits that in The Hermit II. he thinks he has the best son of MacKinley yet bred, and he will be a disappointed man if the colt does not develop into a champion three-year-old. The youngster is almost certain to be the winter favourite for the Derby of 1928.

NOW for a few winners at Newmarket. I thought Marconigram was a very unlucky loser at Lingfield. He has a number of engagements, but will most likely go for the Richmond Nursery on Thursday. Tattoo is my selection for the Jockey Club Cup.

The entries for the Manchester November Handicap are a reminder that the curtain will fall on flat racing in four weeks. Ante-post fiends should risk a little on Lightning Artist.

Keep an eye on Kansalo. Gilbert's five-year-old is useful at the summer and winter sports. There was plenty of money for the gelding when just beaten by Ellcandonan at Nottingham.

OPEN PROSPECT—engaged at Worcester—finished fourth last time out, but a table-cloth would have covered the leading flight.

BRIERYSIDE—also engaged at Worcester—should win the Riverside Nursery.

I AM THE CAPTAIN—a gelded son of Captain Cuttle—will win again shortly.

REPERTOIRE should be noted for the Kempsey Long Distance Handicap.

ON Friday Jock Trotter crops up in the Queensberry Handicap, and he should atone for his defeat at A.P. African Smoke needs strong handling, but can have this in the Criterion Nursery, and may land another prize for Walter Nightingall.

"Soccer" Selections

WEEK-END COUPS.

6 HOME.—Bury, Leeds, Doncaster, Coventry, Celtic, Falkirk.
5 HOME.—Arsenal, Manchester C., Notts Forest, Bradford C., Falkirk.
4 HOME.—Bury, Doncaster, Celtic, Motherwell.
3 AWAY.—Everton, Hearts, Glasgow Rangers.
3 DRAWS.—Aston Villa v. Newcastle, Wolverhampton v. Stoke, Hartlepools v. Rochdale.
3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Burnley, Hull, Swindon, Everton, Chesterfield.‡
1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Doncaster, Glasgow Rangers, Newport, v Brentford.
SPECIAL 5 HOME (LEAGUE I. and II.).—Burnley, Bury, West Ham, Leeds, Notts Forest.

FORECASTS FOR NOVEMBER 5.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION I.).

HOME WINNERS.—Blackburn, Bolton, Everton, Huddersfield, Manchester U., Middlesbrough, Newcastle.
AWAY WINNERS.—Aston Villa, Bury.
DRAWS.—Cardiff v. Liverpool, Tottenham v. West Ham.

THE LEAGUE (DIVISION II.).

HOME WINNERS.—Bristol C., Clapton O., Oldham, Reading, Southampton, Stoke, West Bromwich.
AWAY WINNERS.—Leeds, Preston.
DRAWS.—Chelsea v. Swansea, Grimsby v. Manchester C.

THE LEAGUE, DIVISION III. (Northern).

HOME WINNERS.—Chesterfield, Nelson, Rochdale, Rotherham, Stockport, Tranmere, Wrexham.
AWAY WINNERS.—Doncaster, Lincoln.
DRAWS.—Bradford v. Halifax, Durham v. Darlington.

THE LEAGUE, DIVISION III. (Southern).

HOME WINNERS.—Brentford, Brighton, Exeter, Millwall, Northampton, Norwich, Southend.
AWAY WINNERS.—Newport, Plymouth.
DRAWS.—Crystal Palace v. Charlton, Luton v. Queen's Park Rangers.

THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

HOME WINNERS.—Bo'ness, Celtic, Hibernians, Motherwell, Partick, Queen's Park, Raith R.
AWAY WINNERS.—Glasgow Rangers, Hearts.
DRAW.—Falkirk v. Kilmarnock.

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ANOTHER excellent bill of fare will be served up for Saturday on the popular frying-pan course at Alexandra Park. My tip—once again—is Gordon Richards, and I hope he is in Doncaster form. He will probably steer Pricelist in the first race. Larkin's mare has won three of her five races this season, and the leading jockey has steered her on each successful occasion.

YELLOW UNDERWING should give him another winning ride in the second race, but if the odds are too tight, I suggest Granpau each way. I like the Inconstant Nymph for the Juvenile Plate, and Arctic Star—a useful, staying three-year-old—should be noted for the Broomfield Plate, a mile and five furlongs event.

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THE prominent part played by London clubs in the various sections of the League has been a feature of the present season. West Ham, Chelsea and Clapton Orient have made an excellent start in the campaign, and it is not an impossibility that the end of the season will see them at the head of affairs.

CURIOUSLY enough, Tottenham Hotspur, the leading metropolitan side, has so far had a lean time. Even the return of Grimsdell and Clay has not resulted in improvement, and their position is a very lowly one for so eminent a club.

THE trouble seems to be in the matter of selection, especially of the leader of attack. White Hart Lane enthusiasts are of opinion that either Osborne or Elkes in that position would make all the difference, and if there is one thing certain, it is that the 'Spurs supporters really understand the game.

CONSIDERABLE pleasure has been caused at Upton Park by the "capping" of Hufton and Earle, the two West Ham players. Stanley Earle, the old Clapton amateur, had previously obtained amateur international honours, but this was the first occasion he was awarded a "pukka" cap.

HUFTON made his place a certainty by a series of dazzling performances beneath the crossbar, and he is a worthy successor in the England team to the many fine custodians who have played for their country since the war.

SHEFFIELD UNITED appear to have signed-on a very promising junior in W. H. Gooney, a boy of seventeen, who has played in representative schoolboy games for Sheffield, Yorkshire and England.

BY its recent victory over the Corinthians, Cardiff City has made football history so far as Wales is concerned. It has now in its possession the F.A. Cup, the Welsh Cup, and the F.A. Charity Shield, and it is anxious to add the League Shield to its valuable collection.

ONE of the romances of the game is provided by the rapid rise to fame of Clifford Stanton, whom Oldham Athletic has just included in its team. Last season he was playing for Stockport Grammar School, and then turned out for Altrincham in the Cheshire League. Here he caught the eye of the Oldham management, he was signed on, and within three weeks gained his place in the premier side as leader of the attack.

IT is rather remarkable that Camsell, the record goal-scorer of last season, has, apparently, so lost his shooting powers that Middlesbrough are seriously thinking of dropping him. This, however, would hardly appear advisable, for no man, unless a machine, can play up to form on every occasion.

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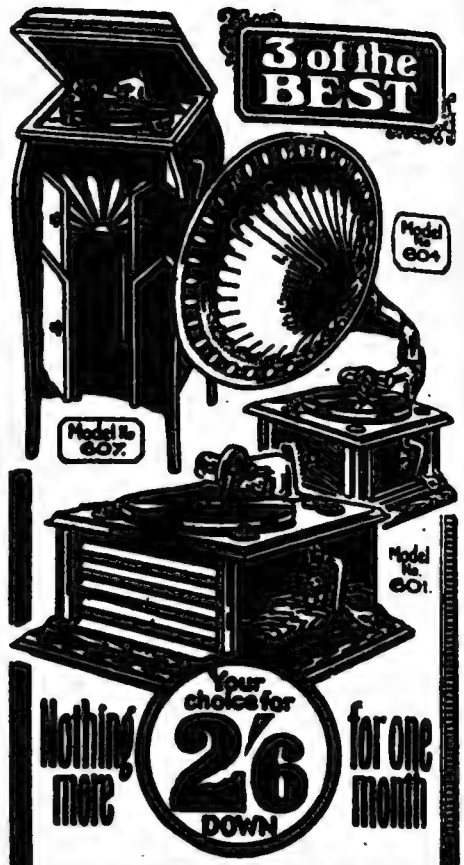

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THE Editor may be flippant on this page, but his humour is kindly and never malicious. He likes to end up the week's work on a bright note. Serious questions are dealt with by the expert staff of our Free Advice Service.

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T. N. (Acton).—"I have lived in Chicago." You were very lucky.

B. E. (Penge).—"Blue is my favourite colour." But it's a dreadful feeling.

P. R. T. (Devonport).—"Is my poem worth a guinea?" No. It's worthless.

O. T. V. (Lincoln).—"Have you seen the new purses?" There's no change in ours.

H. M. (London, N.).—"Home ties are strong." And generally of most dreadful designs.

F. T. (Enfield).—"I am convinced that he was born good." It's better to make good.

T. R. (Rainham).—"Last week I wrote and told you where to go." We know. Go there yourself.

G. Y. (Tottenham).—"I'm tired of writing to you week after week." All right. Let's both have a rest.

L. T. (Epping).—"I work in a Government office." Good. Lots of people don't work in Government offices.

L. H. (Cromer).—"Some men gain success because of their wives." Some gain wives because of their success.

R. T. (Iver).—"I am convinced that my horse has a sense of humour." Most horses like a little chaff now and again.

L. T. (Oldham).—"The 'flu has left me rather shaky on my pins." You should be able to Charlston beautifully.

H. W. (Dunstable).—"Soccer, sir, is a grand game—a game that will never die out." It certainly has a lot of kick in it.

B. N. Y. (Brixton).—"Your commissionaire took the trouble to bow me out when I called." No trouble—a real pleasure.

Mrs. L. (Wigan).—"My daughter is very proud of her new dress." Have you just put her into short skirts, like mother's?

H. W. T. (Lowestoft).—"When I come to see the sights I'll give you a call." But we're not so funny-looking as all that.

T. R. (Marlow).—"Dog-racing will be popular in Scotland." Is it true that Aberdeen terriers are being trained to chase electric threepenny bits?

G. N. (Portsmouth).—"I pen you these few burning words in the hope that you will print them." We can't do that, but you were quite right about them burning.

T. N. R. (Chelsea).—"Our ancient grandfather clock, which I have never known to fail before, stopped suddenly the other evening." Perhaps the old thing was feeling a bit run down."

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T. E. (York).—"Skipping is very beneficial." We tried it on your long letter.

A. R. (Preston).—"Do you remember? I wrote to you five years ago." No. Yes?

T. R. (London, W.C.).—"I would write to you if I went to the ends of the earth." Please do.

A. B. (Hove).—"I called on you last Thursday. You were out." Thursday is our lucky day.

R. L. (Margate).—"I made my will in favour of my lawyer." All wills are made in favour of lawyers.

T. B. (Chester).—"Some women are hard." But a diamond always makes an impression on them.

L. T. (Partick).—"What would you like me to write about?" About half as much as your last letter.

B. V. (Coventry).—"I always turn the other cheek to the smiter." But what if he punches you on the nose?

A. N. (Barminster).—"She got married, but I don't know what the outcome will be." It depends on his income.

G. N. (York).—"She spends hours in front of the mirror." Trying to make up her mind how to make up her face.

MINNIE (Blackhill).—"He says I get more beautiful every time he looks at me." Hope he will look at you often.

F. H. (Middlesbrough).—"Is it proper to describe a woman as well-groomed?" Depends on how often she's been married.

T. R. (Ilfracombe).—"Do you feel bored?" At the moment, yes. But we'll soon shake off the effects of your letter.

Mrs. G. (Kent).—"I didn't get angry when my husband grumbled at my shingle." Then you kept your hair on, after all?

L. P. (Leicester).—"Did you expect a letter from me this week." We had a grim foreboding that something was going to happen.

H. H. (Leeds).—"I am thinking of taking a saxophone band to America." That's a very nasty way of showing your dislike of the States.

A. H. (Shepperton).—"The money-lender seemed an ordinary sort of man." He doesn't look like a spider any more than you look like a fly.

Mrs. D. (Kettlestone).—"My husband doesn't say a word to me if meals happen to be late or anything goes wrong." He must have a very cautious disposition.

C. L. P. (Chelmsford).—"While I was out shopping in a strong east wind, three ten-shilling notes were blown out of my hand and lost." So your three Fishers went sailing out into the West?

J. G. (St. Albans).—"My wife understands that my will and won't mean something." When she says "do" you will, and when she says "don't" you won't.

BESSIE (Manchester).—"Will it be unlucky to wear my wedding-dress to go away in?" On the contrary, it will show your husband you are not saving it up for a possible second ceremony.

F. H. (Merton).—"My little boy is sent off to school regularly every morning, but I find that he sometimes doesn't turn up there." Then you should make him turn up when he gets home.

H. P. (Twyford).—"At sixty I feel as fresh as a two-year-old." Horse or egg?

J. H. (Bradford).—"I always stick to my work." Glue making or bill posting?

R. T. (Swanage).—"What do you think I grew in my garden this year?" Tired?

C. T. (London, W.).—"A husband should be firm." He who hesitates is bossed.

T. T. (Rochester).—"He took me into a shop and bought me something for my neck." Soap?

E. T. (Chingford).—"How can one best cheer up a man who is ill?" Don't sit eating his grapes.

M. B. (Eastbourne).—"I have to pinch to make ends meet." You're sure to get caught one of these days.

S. C. (Motherwell).—"I am marrying the girl I want." Some prefer to marry the girl the other fellow wants.

T. S. (Leeds).—"My wife remembers every time we have quarrelled." Evidently she keeps a scrap-book.

F. L. J. (Marden).—"I once had to fast for a fortnight." We have stayed at a seaside boarding-house longer than that.

G. N. (Essex).—"We Britishers seem to pay through the nose." Whilst Americans speak through theirs and save money.

G. G. (Cardiff).—"I would make it illegal for women to touch powder." The sort that goes off with a bang or on with a puff?

M. N. (Wickford).—"Just as a fireman was getting married, he was called to a fire and had to hasten away." Saved in the nick of time!

Mrs. G. (Barrow).—"My husband is ungrateful. He just smiled when I said I would knit his new vests." He felt tickled in anticipation.

G. N. (Berwick).—"I could write an article that would gain you hundreds of readers." We are thinking of the thousands we should lose.

E. J. (Swansea).—"I'd like a *Bullets* Fowl for Christmas, but it won't go round my family." You don't know Bullets Fowls! But there are Hampers and Turkeys as well for good *Bullets* this week.

Miss A. (Lancaster Gate).—"I don't think, even in the servants' hall, I should be expected to associate with my inferiors." No, you couldn't.

F. N. (Banbury).—"I have a gift for writing sensational fiction." You might get a position in the official weather forecasting department.

G. G. (Deal).—"There are a good many trains really fast on the Southern Railway." So we've noticed. Can't something be done to release them?

Mrs. F. (Manchester.). —"Widows marry quickly because they know all about men." And because the only men who know all about them are dead.

HENRIETTA (St. Albans).—"What does it mean if a girl wears an engagement ring on her right hand?" That's she off with the old and ready for the new.

J. C. (Clapham).—"A foreign friend assures me that nothing in London life interested him so much as the policemen." In some cases, the policeman has proved rather too arresting just lately.

G. S. (Harrow).—"I am a man of few words." Tell us it by telegram next time.

Bon (Ely).—"All my seven brothers are married." To what do you attribute your escape?

W. A. (Aldershot).—"He was so close I could have touched him." For how much?

A. M. (Penzance.—"It is impossible to love too much," But it is dangerous to love too many.

B. D. (Exeter).—"They dismissed six ex-soldiers." The poor devils were in the firing-line again.

T. S. (Halifax).—"The burglar took a bath before he went." That's the worst of those movable affairs.

M. F. (Fulham).—"I have written this with my new fountain pen." Put some ink in it next time, please.

"MISS AMERICA" (Golders Green).—"I must say I like the English climate." As far as we are concerned you can have it.

Mrs. B. (Knocksholt).—"I think all men cannot be so stupid as my husband." No, there are still a good many bachelors left.

L. P. (Lewes).—"My mother-in-law seems to think she can stay with us whenever she pleases." But does she ever please?

Mrs. C. (Ilkley).—"If my children come to table with dirty hands I just refuse to serve them." Exactly! You make their punishment fit their crime!

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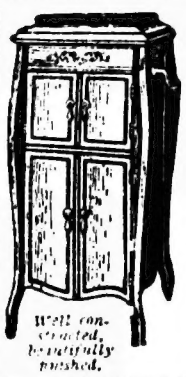
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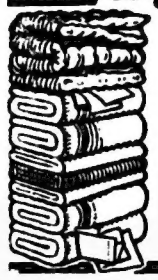

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WHY HE WAS ARRESTED
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1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon, and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL, and crossed & Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

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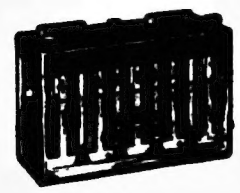

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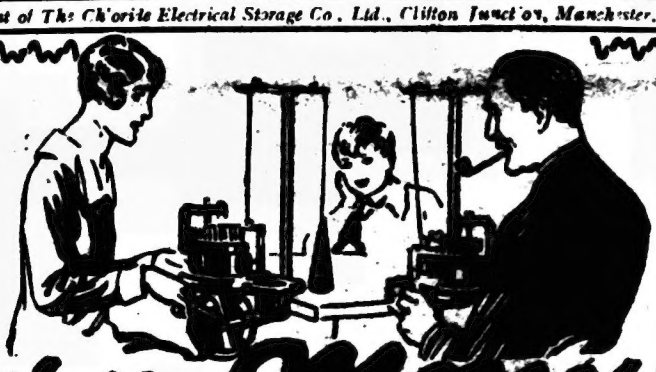

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